



Kent on Sunday

www.kentnews.co.uk March 10, 2013

EAST KENT EDITION

Issue no 546

Top tourist attraction is latest victim of economic hard times

By Marijke Cox
marijke.cox@archant.co.uk

ONE of the county's top tourist attractions has become the latest casualty of the economic squeeze with the company behind the Hop Farm announcing its imminent demise.

Bad weather and a drop in visitor numbers, combined with cancelled events, are being blamed, with Hop Farm Trading Ltd admitting it had been a difficult year.

In addition, it was dealt a blow by the loss of events such as the War and Peace Show, which will now be held in Folkestone.

The venue, in Paddock Wood, boasts one of the world's largest collections of Victorian oast houses and its history spans five centuries, first as a working farm and now as host to a number of popular attractions and events.

A spokesman for the trading firm said

any bookings for weddings and other functions would still go ahead.

He said: "Nothing in life is 100 per cent, but we want to assure all our bookings that the functions will be honoured.

"There are a host of contributing factors to the problems we've experienced: the weather, the economic climate, events moved or cancelled.

"War and Peace was affected by the weather which did affect sales.

"We are no different from any other business in these difficult times, but are confident there will be a positive outcome for the attraction."

He refused to comment on possible job losses or the number of staff potentially affected.

Hop Farm Trading Ltd, which is being placed into liquidation, operates some but not all of the attractions at the park.

It is not believed the liquidation will

Continued on page 2



REGION'S CULTURE CLUB FOR 'CITY' BID

HOPE: East Kent united in attempt to win 2017 UK City of Culture – **SEE INSIDE**

TRANSPORT

Woman gives birth on train

COMMUTERS got a little more than they bargained for on Thursday night after a passenger gave birth on a busy rush-hour train.

The 22-year-old mother gave birth at West Malling after boarding the London to Ashford service. Full amazing story inside. **PAGE 7**

ELECTIONS

Call for women to fight seats

IN HER latest exclusive column for Kent on Sunday, Police and Crime Commissioner Ann Barnes has called for more women to contest seats at this year's local elections.

Responding to a recent survey, she says it is essential women are better represented in positions of power. **PAGE 21**

CELEBRATE

Don't forget Mother's Day

TOURIST venues will be expecting bumper crowds today as families celebrate Mother's Day.

But for many people, the day will be a poignant reminder of those they have lost. Inside, one woman uses the day to encourage others to join in the Race for Life. **PAGE 27**

DISCO
70s, 80s & 90s

Saturday 30 March
8pm - 2am | Over 18s Only
Tickets: £7.50 in advance | £10 on the door
Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone
Box Office: 01303 228600

News

Download your FREE **Kent News iPhone** and **iPad App**

INSIDE

- News **2-30**
- Kent Remembered **31**
- Comment/Feedback **32-33**

INSIDE



- Interview **35**
- Food and Drink **38**

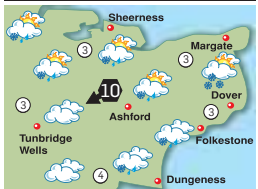
■ LEISURE

Attractions, events, stage, exhibitions, theatre, arts, **37, 39-41**

- Apprentices **42-43**
- Business **45-47**

- Driving **49-54**
- Motability **55-62**
- Jobs & Notices **63-69**
- Sport **70-71**

Weather



TODAY: Overcast with rain, turning to sleet then snow. Light winds. Max temp 1-4C (34-39F). **TONIGHT:** Clear spells and snow showers. Min temp -3 to 0C (27-32F).

TODAY'S HIGH TIDE (Metres)				
Dover	10.05	6.4	22.21	6.6
Margate	11.09	4.6	23.16	4.7
St Mary's	03.30	5.5	15.55	5.5

WEEK AHEAD

Monday	Max 1C	Min -5C
Tuesday	Max 4C	Min -3C
Wednesday	Max 7C	Min -3C
Thursday	Max 6C	Min -2C
Friday	Max 6C	Min 0C
Saturday	Max 7C	Min 0C

Information supplied by **MeteoGroup**

ARCHANT } **KOS MEDIA**

CONTACTS

Publisher: Simon Irwin
Email: simon.irwin@archant.co.uk
Editor: Chris Britcher
Email: chris.britcher@archant.co.uk
Address: Apple Barn, Smeeth, TN25 6SS
Editorial: News: 01303 817100
Leisure: 01303 817022
Sport: 01303 817177
Email: editorial@kosmedia.co.uk
Advertising: Jobs/Notices: 01303 817056
Business: 01303 817056
Email: appointments@kosmedia.co.uk
Retail/Leisure/Motors: 01303 817150
Email: sales@kosmedia.co.uk
Distribution: 01303 817072

FOLLOW US ONLINE @

yourkentv.co.uk • kentnews.co.uk
kentnews.co.uk/mobile
jobsforkent.co.uk • homes24.co.uk
carsforkent.co.uk • twitter@kosmedia
Published in Kent and printed by Archant Print, division of Archant Community Media Limited (Co Reg No 19300). Registered Office: Prospect House, Rouen Road, Norwich NR1 1RE

AVIATION

Prominent Tory MP joins campaigners against estuary airport with launch of online petition

By **Marijke Cox**

marijke.cox@archant.co.uk

THE fight against a multi-million pound Thames Estuary airport has increased with the launch of a major petition aimed at persuading the Government-appointed, independent, Davies Commission to rule out any such proposals as it examines airport capacity in the south east.

Rochester and Strood MP Mark Reckless has joined forces with campaigners to garner public opinion and get the message out that the environmentally-important estuary is the wrong place for an airport.

Last month, we exclusively revealed that Boris Johnson's aide, Daniel Moylan, had been meeting with Kent MPs in a bid to get them to support the London mayor's hopes for an estuary transport hub.

As a high-profile campaigner in the fight, Mr Reckless had one-to-one talks with Mr Johnson to discuss the controversial topic.

Now, the Medway parliamentarian is visiting households across the Hoo Peninsula asking residents to sign a petition against the airport.

Anyone from across Kent can sign the petition, however.

Results will be submitted to the Davies Commission.

Mr Reckless said: "Various people have suggested building an airport in the Thames Estuary area.

"The Mayor of London initially proposed an artificial 'Boris Island' north of Sheppey, while architects Foster and

Partners have proposed building over the north-east of the Hoo Peninsula and reclaimed land beyond.

"None of these proposals appear credible to me. Cost estimates range from £70 billion to more than £100bn.

"It is not clear why anyone would want to pay for this, when it would be much cheaper to expand existing airports.

"Does the Mayor of London want to close Heathrow and move its 75,000 directly employed staff and 40,000 ancillary staff to Medway?

"Or keep it open, with British Airways and other airlines saying that they would then refuse to move? Even Boris has now said that his desired new hub airport could instead be at Stansted.



SUPPORT: Mark Reckless

Efforts now begin to find new buyer to run Hop Farm site

Continued from front page

impact these. Land and buildings are also owned by another company.

Insolvency firm White Maund LLP confirmed it had been instructed to place Hop Farm Trading Ltd into liquidation. A meeting will take place with shareholders and creditors on March 15, and the company will cease trading in the near future.

Partner Tom D'Arcy said: "The company has sustained significant losses in the recent past, principally as a consequence of the recession which has led to decreasing numbers of visitors and a reduction in the average amount spent by each visitor."

He said that financial support previously available through several funding streams, including an investor and bank loans, was no longer possible due to the continuing losses generated.

It is understood around 96 per cent of the debt owed by the company is to an investor – believed to be London-based Bluebird Partners – but the amount is currently not being released.

FESTIVAL PAYMENTS STRUCK WRONG CHORD

IRONICALLY, just last week we revealed the full extent of the losses experienced by the organisers of the Hop Farm Festival – the three-day music event hosted at the site.

Run by an outside company, which hires the venue, it ran into huge financial problems last year after disappointing ticket sales, a squeeze on spending and bad weather. The firm which ran it, Music Festivals plc run by promoter Vince Power, went into administration and its subsidiary, Kent Festival Ltd, into liquidation.

We revealed a number of the major acts were still owed money and that large sums were still due to

the likes of Kent Police.

Ultimately, Kent taxpayers will pick up the bill for the £22,000-plus it is still owed, a figure blasted by Ann Barnes, the county's Police and Crime Commissioner, who said failure to pay was letting down "not just the force, but the people of Kent".

This week Mr Power, who started a new company just days after Music Festivals plc collapsed, continued to insist the festival will return for 2013, and that an announcement of headline acts was imminent.

Liquidators of Kent Festival Ltd have informally advised many creditors they should not expect to be paid.

This newspaper contacted the firm several times, but they did not respond.

Mr D'Arcy added: "Efforts are being made to identify a purchaser of the business and assets of Hop Farm Trading

Ltd, however it is too early to comment as to the likely realisations in the liquidation or the outcome for the company's creditors."

Sandra Matthews-Marsh, chief execu-

utive of Visit Kent, said it was always sad to hear a tourism business was experiencing difficulties.

She said: "The Hop Farm, as a long-standing attraction and as a major events venue, plays an important role in the visitor economy of the county.

"I do hope their current problems can be resolved and that the venue can move forward positively."

Chief executive of Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council, Julie Beilby, said: "The Hop Farm has proved to be a very popular tourist attraction and events venue for many thousands of visitors over the years.

"I am sorry to hear of its current difficulties and await further updates."

The attraction was previously owned by Simon Hume-Kendall, who now runs Bewl Water, in Lamberhurst.

He said: "I owned the Hop Farm until 2007, and brought in the concerts.

"Since then it is my understanding that large-scale events such as the War and Peace Show and the concerts have gradually dried up."

GARAGE DOORS CRAZY SALE MADNESS

Top of the range 'remote controlled' insulated aluminium rolling garage door, superb product maintenance free.

Totally secure and fully guaranteed.

RRP £2,155.00

NOW JUST £699

INC VAT & FITTED FREE!!*

This special offer includes free fitting.

The offer on our website does not include free fitting.

To benefit from this offer you should call: 01622 765993 Quote Ref K.O.S



TO SEE THIS 'SEGURO' DOOR WITHOUT ANY OBLIGATION

TEL: 01622 765993

MAIDSTONE • CANTERBURY
CROYDON • COLCHESTER

www.segurogaragedoors.co.uk

bringing you the latest news ■ sport ■ video ■ jobs ■ cars and property  ...Just visit the Apple App Store

CEREMONY

Raise a glass to winners of prestigious annual food and drink awards



And the winners are...

- **Restaurant of the Year**
The Ambrette, Margate
- **Dining Pub of the Year**
The George Inn, Molash
- **Butcher or Meat Retailer**
Godmersham Game, Canterbury
- **Best Kentish Beer**
Gadds No.3, Ramsgate Brewery
- **Best Kentish Wine**
Ortega 2011, Biddenden Vineyards
- **Best Cider or Perry**
Duddas Tun – Pine Trees Farm, Doddington
- **Best Juice Producer**
Little Stour Orchard, Margate
- **Local Food Retailer**
Quex Barn, Birchington
- **Fishmonger of the Year**
Sankey's, Tunbridge Wells
- **Artisan Food Producer**
The Cheesemakers of Canterbury, Dargate
- **Farmer's Market of the Year**
Elm Court, Hempstead, Gillingham
- **Food, Farming & Landscape Award**
Winterdale Cheesemakers, Wrotham
- **Food Product of the Year**
Bowyer's Brie, The Cheesemakers of Canterbury, Dargate
- **Food Product of the Year categories**
Dairy Bowyer's Brie, The Cheesemakers of Canterbury; **Bakers and confectionery** Sloe Gin Chocolates, Sloe Seduction, Tonbridge; **Prepared food** Quail Egg Pie, Dine Thyme, Maidstone; **Catering** Free range dry cured gammon, Roundwood Orchard Pig, Meopham; **Ambient** Rose Jelly, Kent Fine Foods, Hempstead

By Joe Bill

joe.bill@archant.co.uk

THE cream of the county's food and drink producers were rewarded for their efforts on Friday night when they gathered for the annual Taste of Kent Awards presentation evening.

And for 10 businesses it was celebration time after taking home a top prize for the first time.

Big winners included The Ambrette in Margate, which was named Kent Restaurant of the Year, and The Cheesemakers of Canterbury, based in Dargate, which followed up previous success by winning three awards, among them Best Kent Food Product, for its Bowyer's Brie.

The Ambrette, led by Dev Biswal, won over the judges with its "well balanced menu, use of local seasonal ingredients, ambience and contemporary marriage of Indian and English food".

Owner of The Cheesemakers of Canterbury, Jane Bowyer, who set up the business in May 2007, was delighted by her triple win, with judges "very impressed with the business and its Kent credentials – making it a clear winner".

The awards took place at the Mercure Great Danes Hotel in Hollingbourne, near Maidstone.

Edwyn Martin, manager at Produced in Kent, the organisation behind the Taste of Kent Awards which champions local food and drink producers, said: "The awards became even more remarkable with the influx of new winners as well as some real champions of Kent's food and drink scene coming up trumps for the third or fourth consecutive year. If ever there has been a time that consumers want and need to know their food and drink comes from a trusted and local source it is now."

The George Inn at Molash was named Kent Dining Pub of the Year. Judges said the owners had "worked tirelessly to put this pub on the map... providing a lovely atmosphere with good local ingredients on the menu".



ALL SMILES: Dev Biswal, executive chef at The Ambrette in Margate, who won best restaurant

NEWS IN BRIEF

➔ Farage meets Murdoch

UKIP leader Nigel Farage has talked politics over dinner with controversial media tycoon Rupert Murdoch.

It was speculated that Mr Farage put forward the idea that he would form an electoral pact with the Tories if David Cameron stood down.

But Mr Farage, from Westerham, was keeping tight-lipped. He told KoS on Friday: "I was asked to have dinner with Mr Murdoch and of course I said yes. He's a fascinating man."

➔ Festival headliners

ORGANISERS of this year's Lounge on the Farm music festival have unveiled the first acts for this summer's event.

Among those confirmed are Soul II Soul, Seasick Steve, Aswad and Dub Pistols.

The hugely popular event takes place each year at Merton Farm in Canterbury.

This year's event takes place over the weekend of July 26-28.

Tickets cost £100 and are available now.

➔ Unclaimed £3m prize

A £3 MILLION National Lottery jackpot remains unclaimed - more than three weeks after the numbers came up.

The ticket was bought somewhere in the Sevenoaks district for the Lotto draw on February 9. It matched all six numbers and is now worth £3,094,304.

The winning numbers were 8, 10, 27, 34, 40 and 41. No-one has yet come forward.

To claim the prize, the ticket holder has until August 8. After that date the money will go to charity.

THEATRE

Musical superfan books tickets to see same show 28 times this year

BY DAY, Tracy Warne works front of house at one of the county's leading theatres.

But by night she transforms into a musical superfan, who by the end of the year will have travelled more than 11,000 miles to watch her favourite show more than 50 times in theatres around the world.

The 48-year-old from Tunbridge Wells, who works at the town's Assembly Hall Theatre, has become obsessed with the musical Priscilla Queen of the Desert after first watching it with her sister in London in 2009.

Since then, she's seen it 27 times – including performances in New York, Milan and Manchester – and has tickets for a further 28 shows as it tours the UK this year.

Her fanaticism will be boosted when she catches all performances of the show when it comes to her theatre for a string of shows between May 6-11.

The super-fan explains: "Priscilla is a fantastic, funny, glitzy, glam show full of great dance music from the eighties. It's contagious.



SHOWTIME: Priscilla proves a popular fix

"I'm addicted to it. I've been lucky enough to meet the touring cast and they were all great.

"I think they were surprised I travelled so far to watch the show, but they were all very kind."

Based on the movie, the musical charts the adventures of three friends – two drag queens and a transsexual – seeking love and friendship on an old bus.

The 1994 film starred the likes of Hugo Weaving, Guy Pearce and Terence Stamp.

Huge Cookware Savings



Stellar 7000
stainless steel saucepans
with draining lids
NOW LESS THAN HALF



Stellar 3000
induction ready saucepans
NOW HALF PRICE OR LESS



Nasons Department Store

47 High Street, Canterbury CT1 2SB

01227 456755

Open Mon - Sat 9am - 5.30pm

Sundays 11am - 5pm

www.nasons.co.uk

News

Download your FREE **Kent News iPhone** and **iPad App**

OBITUARY

MP leads tributes to council leader after his sudden death stuns town

By Marijke Cox

marijke.cox@archant.co.uk

TRIBUTES have been paid to Peter Wood (inset), the leader of Ashford Borough Council who died suddenly last Friday. He was 63.

The Conservative, who has been leader since 2010, had just days before temporarily stepped down from his position to allow him to recover fully from a major operation to his spine. He was expecting to return in April.

Cllr Wood, who lived in Aldington, represented the Saxon Shore ward.

Ashford MP Damian Green said the borough "had lost a good man".

He added: "He was a leader of great energy

and integrity, who made a real and positive contribution to the area."

The flag at the council offices will fly at half mast until the funeral is held on a date that has yet to be set.

Gerry Clarkson, who was acting leader in his absence, said: "Peter's sudden death was a shock to us all and he will be greatly missed.

"I enjoyed working closely with him; he was a true gentleman and was extremely committed to the growth and well-being of this borough."

The local Conservatives will meet on Monday to elect a new leader – likely to be Cllr Clarkson.

The full council will then vote on the council's new leader in April.



HONOURS

Emin picks up CBE

MARGATE artist Tracey Emin said it was 'an amazing accolade' to be given her CBE by Princess Anne at Buckingham Palace this week.

Emin was named in the New Year's Honours' List for her services to art and picked up her award at the Palace on Thursday.

She was joined at the investiture ceremony by a host of Olympic and Paralympic stars, among them multiple gold medal winning sailor, Sir Ben Ainslie.

ENTERTAINMENT

Got to Dance finalist

YOUNG dance sensation Rory O'Shea will take to the stage in front of millions of viewers next Sunday in a bid to win £250,000 and be crowned Britain and Ireland's best dance act.

The Whitstable youngster, 11, has fought off stiff competition to reach the grand final of Sky 1 TV show Got to Dance.

He wowed judges including ex-Pussycat Doll Kimberly Wyatt, JLS star Aston Merrygold and Diversity dance crew leader Ashley Banjo.

ARTS

East Kent unites to become 2017

Canterbury, Folkestone, Dover, Ashford and Thanet's 'innovative' plan to claim UK title which could mean big investment for region

By Nick Ames

nick.ames@archant.co.uk

COUNCIL chiefs insist they are "in it to win it" after it was confirmed east Kent was to put in a bid to become the UK City of Culture for 2017.

The ambitious bid will see Canterbury, Ashford, Dover, Folkestone and Thanet combine forces to go head-to-head with a number of rival bids to win the prestigious title.

Should it prove successful, it is hoped it would deliver a host of significant benefits, including increased investment, the staging of some major national events, and a blaze of publicity.

A full programme of events to support the bid is now being drawn up which will form part of the formal bid to be submitted on April 30.

The bids will then be considered by an independent advisory panel who will announce a shortlist in June.

Rival bids are expected from Aberdeen, Chester, Dundee, Hastings and Bexhill, Hull, Leicester, Plymouth, Portsmouth and Southampton, Southend and Swansea.

Existing funds allocated to arts and culture by local authorities, and groups and organisations, will be used to fund the bid as events are tailored to fit in alongside the overall application.

Organisers say that as the bid gains momentum, inward investment from backers will be forthcoming, further boosting the region's prospects.

Chris Hespe is head of the culture and sport group at Kent County Council.

He said: "We are in it to win it. There has been a massive investment in venues in east Kent.

"The Turner Contemporary is a world renowned venue, but east Kent's arts and culture is a well-kept secret. We want to lift the lid on this and so bring in tourism and resources and funds for regeneration.

"The bid sits perfectly alongside projects such as the Folkestone Triennial and the Grow For It campaign, aimed at regenerating the area through funding from government.

"Everyone – local authorities, KCC and arts and cultural groups – is behind the bid and we want to involve as many people as possible. The bidding process itself is a great way of raising the area's profile, both nationally and internationally."

Announcing the list of contenders, culture minister Ed Vaizey praised the combined east Kent bid as "innovative" and said the fact it covered a region would not prove a drawback.

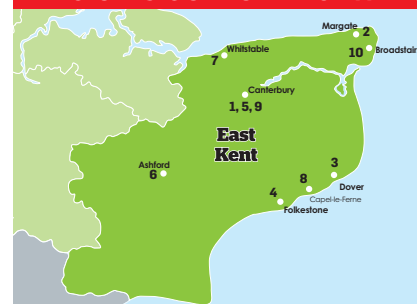
He said: "The competition brings together communities and creates economic and social benefits. I am pleased to see so many local authorities and different partners coming together."

Among the events the winning region could host, should it prove a success, would be the likes of art's Turner Prize, literature's Man Booker



ARTS: Margate's Turner Contemporary, Lounge on

REGION'S CULTURAL JEWELS



- 1 Canterbury Cathedral and World Heritage site
- 2 Turner Contemporary
- 3 Dover Castle and White Cliffs
- 4 Folkestone Triennial Arts Festival
- 5 Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury
- 6 Ashford's rich railway heritage
- 7 Whitstable Oyster Festival
- 8 Battle of Britain Memorial, Capel-le-Ferne
- 9 Lounge on the Farm music festival
- 10 Charles Dickens' ties with Broadstairs

Zen Car Factors

Richborough Road, Sandwich, Kent CT13 9JE
01304 617733 (Non-ferrous department)

JOHN BUTCHER BROS

Unit 11-12 Canterbury Industrial Park, Island Road,
Hersden, Canterbury, Kent CT3 4HQ 01227 713850

• Uniform prices paid at both depots •

Bright Wire £4,550 per tonne

New Production Brass Cuttings £3,100 per tonne

Clean Aluminium Wheels £900 per tonne

Household Cable £1,500 per tonne

Lead £1,600 per tonne

All other non-ferrous metals purchased with immediate payment

Prices applicable until Tuesday 22nd January 2013

bringing you the latest news ■ sport ■ video ■ jobs ■ cars and property  ...Just visit the Apple App Store

in ambitious bid 'City of Culture'



the Farm music festival and the historic Canterbury Cathedral shows the region's rich diverse culture

UK'S TAKE ON CAPITAL IDEA

THE UK City of Culture awards came into being after Liverpool's reign as European Capital of Culture in 2008, which attracted 9.7 million visitors to the city and generated £753.8 million for the local economy – £200m up on its previous yearly figure.

Highlights included Sir Paul McCartney's 40,000-strong concert at Anfield, the Gustav Klimt exhibition at Tate Liverpool and the hosting of the Turner Prize competition.

From 2011, two countries have been nominated each year. In 2013, the designated cities being Kosice in Slovakia and Marseille in France.

As the UK cannot be part of the project again until at least 2020, when the next countries are finalised, in 2009 it was decided to set up a similar event for the UK, with a city to be chosen every four years.

This year Derry-Londonderry – jointly named to appeal to both Nationalists, who call the city Derry, and Unionists who prefer the London prefix – was selected ahead of Birmingham, Norwich and Sheffield.

No figures for economic benefit have been estimated, but it is thought the amount will be less than that earned by Liverpool.

Prize and music extravaganza the Brit Awards.

Folkestone and Hythe MP Damian Collins is firmly backing the bid.

He said: "I think it's a fantastic idea. We have a brilliant cultural mix in east Kent and 2017 coincides with the Folkestone Triennial arts festival.

"We already have a wealth of festivals; there is the Turner Contemporary as well so we have a mix of heritage and contemporary culture."

Thanet North MP Sir Roger Gale added: "There is a strong case for east Kent with the new Marlowe [theatre], the art galleries in Herne Bay and the Turner Contemporary to name but three."

Alastair Upton, of Folkestone arts-led regeneration body the Creative Foundation, said: "The bid will build upon the significant national and international reputation that has been achieved in east Kent over the past few years.

"We believe that to win the recognition of east Kent in this way will encourage investment and future regeneration in the area."

Bids will be considered by an independent panel, chaired by Phil Redmond, the creator of popular TV series including Grange Hill, Brookside and Hollyoaks, who chaired Liverpool's period as European Capital of Culture in 2008.

Mr Redmond said: "The UK City of Culture can be a real catalyst for change and I'm delighted so many places have registered their interest."

TRIBUNAL

Apprentice star's bitter court battle

WINNER of the 2010 edition of hit BBC TV show *The Apprentice*, Stella English, has spent the week locked in an increasingly bitter court feud with former boss Lord Sugar.

Ms English, who was told 'you're hired' in the popular show, is claiming constructive dismissal after losing her job with Lord Sugar's IT firm Viglen.

She had secured a £100,000 post by winning the TV show, but claimed she was nothing more than an "overpaid lackey".

Lord Sugar says the 34-year-old, who lives in Whitstable, is only pursuing the action in a bid for a sizeable pay off. The tribunal is set to continue next week.



ROADS

Two dead in taxi crash

TAXI driver Brian Maitland, 63, and his female passenger, 47, were killed following a three-car smash near Staplehurst on Tuesday night.

Both were from Maidstone. An 18-year-old girl in the back of the taxi was rushed by air ambulance for treatment at a London hospital.

Drivers of the other two vehicles both received minor injuries.

The crash took place on the Cranbrook Road at Knoxbridge at around 7.30pm.

POLITICS

Green leader hits town

NATALIE Bennett, leader of the Green Party, will be in Tonbridge next week to discuss a host of improvement options open to local communities – among them pedestrianised town centres, a subject much debated in the town.

The politician will be delivering the address on Tuesday, March 12, at the Forsyth Hall in Bradford Street at 7.30pm.

The meeting is open to anyone. She will spend the day meeting local party members.



HORNBY
visitor centre



Kids entry only



www.facebook.com/
hornbymodelrailways

£1



March Sat 16th Sun 17th



Open 7 Days week • 10am - 5pm

www.hornby.com/visitorcentre • Tel: 01843 233524 • e-mail: visitorcentre@hornby.com

WESTWOOD • MARGATE • KENT • CT9 4JX

On the A254 Ramsgate Road, between Westwood Cross Shopping Centre and Margate

MATTRESS SALE

THESE PRICES ARE GUARANTEED

UNBEATABLE!



REST ASSURED 
ORTHO BACKCARE

Single 3'0 (90cm)

£98.00

Double 4'6 (135cm)

£128.00

King size 5'0 (150cm)

£148.00

Superking 6'0 (180cm)

£168.00

In Stock Now! Same day delivery

SILENTNIGHT
ULTIMATE MIRACoil

4'6 (135cm) Double mattress



£156.00

DON'T MISS OUT
STOCKS ARE LIMITED!



Canterbury Beds

20 Maynard Road, Wincheap, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 3RH

Call us on **01227 766590** or visit www.canterburybeds.co.uk

WE ARE HERE



News

for more pictures and news go to www.kentnews.co.uk

EMERGENCY

Baby arrives early as mother gives birth on packed rush-hour train

By Nick Ames

nick.ames@archant.co.uk

WHEN commuters boarded the 6.18pm service from London Victoria to Ashford International on Thursday night, they settled down with books and newspapers for what they expected to be an uneventful journey home.

What they wouldn't have been expecting, however, was that halfway through that journey, one of their fellow passengers would go into labour, and minutes later give birth.

But when Sonia Banks, 22, boarded the service at Borough Green, heavily pregnant, and joined by her partner, Allan Stanley, 21, and his mother, Mari-Anne Stanley, things were about to take a dramatic turn.

Explains Ms Stanley: "I still can't take it in. She went into labour at 7.15pm and Phoebe was born at 7.30pm."

Remarkably, unlike many rail services, baby Phoebe arrived early – a week ahead of Miss Banks' due date. The birth took place as the train stopped at West Malling.

Delighted father Mr Stanley, added: "It feels like I'm on Cloud Nine. It's mad. Everything's fine and mother and baby are doing well."

Baby Phoebe weighed in at a healthy 6lb 13oz and was taken to hospital in Tunbridge Wells on Thursday night for routine checks.



SPECIAL DELIVERY: Baby Phoebe was born on a Thursday evening train from London Victoria

Commuters were alerted to the medical emergency after the train's guard made an announcement over the tannoy calling for a doctor or nurse to help. Fortunately, an off-duty midwife was travelling on board and able to assist.

Mari-Anne Stanley told a national newspaper: "When we were taken off to go to the ambulance there were people on the platform who gave us a

rapturous round of applause and cheered. Passengers were lining the platform.

"It was a fantastic reception. The guard and the driver were extremely helpful. The driver was making announcements, keeping the passengers updated.

"The guard called the ambulance and was extremely helpful, and there was an off-duty nurse, off-duty midwife and an off-duty police officer on board the train, thank God."

Ms Stanley said it was a "pain-free labour" which lasted 15 minutes, and has resulted in a second child for the mother. She also praised the reaction of other passengers, saying they moved away as soon as they realised what was taking place.

She said: "They were asked to leave the carriage to give us a bit of dignity, and everyone either left or got on another carriage.

"We're all still in shock."

Conductor Colin Brooker said: "We had everyone we needed right there on the train. We were only missing a vicar to baptise the baby.

"I kept all the passengers onboard informed about the delay and there was a big cheer when we announced the baby was born.

"In all my 41 years working on the railway I've never experienced anything like this.

"It was amazing."

The train was delayed by about 45 minutes.

MEDICAL

Fake nurse sentenced

A BOGUS nurse who worked unqualified at four surgeries in Medway has been spared jail.

Denise Stewart, 47, formerly of Great Lines, Gillingham, duped work colleagues into believing she was a genuine practice nurse and forged qualification documents. She pleaded guilty to fraud and sentenced to 20 months imprisonment, suspended for two years.

ACCIDENT

Girl stuck under bus

A SCHOOL girl is recovering this weekend after she was hit by a car and thrown into the path of a bus on a busy road in Gravesend on Wednesday.

Emergency crews had to use air bags to release Jade Phillips, 12, after she became trapped under the bus on the Rochester Road. She is in a serious but not life-threatening condition.

CRIME

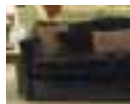
Teen gets 13 months

A TEENAGER has been sentenced to 13 months in a young offenders institute after pleading guilty to handling stolen goods after a burglary on Sheppey.

Jordan Stone, 19, of Elm Road, Gillingham, was sentenced following a burglary in Queenborough. He received a further four months for activating a previous suspended sentence.

up to 50% off LENLEYS EX-DISPLAY MODEL CLEARANCE

50% + OFF



Windsor Grand Sofa. Deep pile velvet sofa with scatter cushions.

was £2280 **NOW £1139**



Max Divani. Antea 3 seat sofa with chaise in white leather

was £5990 **NOW £2995**



Rimini. Large 3 seater sofa in quality brown leather

was £2649 **NOW £899**



Bari. 2 seater settee with one manual recliner action

was £2174 **NOW £999**

40 – 50% OFF



Natuzzi. Clyde small sofa in oyster leather with contrast piping

was £2720 **NOW £1496**



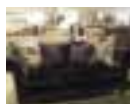
Freya Corner group in soft fabric with adjustable

was £2968 **NOW £1780**



Derwent. Isabel Maison chair

was £1006 **NOW £599**



Derwent. Etienne Medium sofa in rich velvet with feature scatters

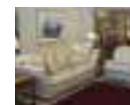
was £2105 **NOW £1263**

30 – 40% OFF



Abingdon. High back classic two seater settee

was £1229 **NOW £819**



Duresta. Classic Ruskin large sofa and chair

was £3996 **NOW £2659**



Emotion corner group

was £3433 **NOW £2165**



Alstons. Portland small sofa with scatter cushions

was £1199 **NOW £825**

Other models also available at 50% off

Many other models in this price band

Many other models available

PLUS sofas chairs tables sideboards coffee tables beds wardrobes chests rugs pictures mirrors etc etc.

First Come First Served

Subject to availability

Roper Road Canterbury 01227 766655 www.lenleys.co.uk/clearance



Green bike scheme to unfold on the platform

COMMUTERS wanting to add two wheels to their daily commute will be able to take advantage of a scheme to rent folding bicycles from railway platforms.

Ashford International, Canterbury West, Maidstone East and Tonbridge are the sites designated for lockers containing 20 bikes which will be available for rent.

The plan is similar to the Boris Bikes scheme in London – with the major difference the bikes can be used for longer and even stored in a car or at home.

Brompton Dock is the company behind the project. It already operates similar schemes in Manchester, Exeter and Bristol.

Although no date has been confirmed, it is expected to get under way in the summer.

Brompton Dock is in partnership with rail company Southeastern, cycling charity Sustrans, Kent County Council and the Department of Transport, which has put up £124,000 to fund the project.

People wishing to use the scheme must register at www.bromptondock.co.uk and pay an annual membership fee. This is £45 for regular users with a £2.50 daily fee, or £10 for occasional users with a day rate of £5. Members can then keep the bikes for as long as they like.

Once registered, users are given a code which they can text, along with a dock number, to automatically release a bike.



ARMY

Soldiers to fall back from city as barracks closure confirmed

By Nick Ames

nick.ames@archant.co.uk

HUNDREDS of new homes or a key road to help ease traffic congestion could be built on the site of Canterbury's Howe Barracks, after the Government confirmed this week it was to be sold off.

In the latest review of Britain's military, defence secretary Philip Hammond confirmed troops based in the city, the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, are being reduced in number from around 600 to 100 and based in Scotland.

This move was originally outlined last year and will come into force in 2014.

The Headquarters 2nd (South East) Brigade, based at Shorncliffe in Folkestone, will also leave Kent as it is merged with a similar unit in Aldershot.

This unit, roughly 100 strong, is staffed half by military personnel and half by civilians. The Army says some civilian jobs could be at risk due to the changes.

Canterbury MP Julian Brazier said he was sorry to see the city's link with the military severed.

He added: "There has been a regular army presence in Canterbury since the 19th



Picture: PAUL JERREAT

BETTER DAYS: The Argylls on parade in Canterbury when they were given the freedom of the city

century and the barracks is a pre-World War One cavalry depot. It's a sad goodbye."

However, Mr Brazier said he understood the logic of gathering army units in large barracks and said it would provide better lives for the troops and their families.

He also said the sell-off could be of benefit to Canterbury, as the land could be used to improve the road network. One possibil-

ity is a road linking the A28 and A257 and the land could also be used for development of up to 600 new homes.

Chief executive of Canterbury City Council, Colin Carmichael, added: "Although a large site, a significant proportion of it is protected and we will take that into account in any plans. We will now look at the timescale and consider our approach."

Your wedding day is special.
Let us help make it a memorable occasion for your guests, your family and you.

BOUGHTON

ETCHINGHILL

Etchinghill
is licensed for
Civil Weddings and
Civil Partnerships.

ETCHINGHILL ALL INCLUSIVE WEDDING PACKAGE

£45.00 per person (2013) (children under 12 half price)

To ensure ease of planning, we have put together our special All Inclusive Package, which helps you to budget and plan your big day. Package includes: drink on arrival, three course meal, wine at the table, sparkling wine for the toast, disco and evening buffet for day time guests. Minimum of 50 guests.

Whether you want an intimate affair or a larger event we always tailor your wedding to match your exact expectations.

All our Golf Clubs offer stunning views over the beautiful Kent countryside.



Contact **01303 863 863** for more information or visit www.pentlandgolf.co.uk or www.weddinginkent.co.uk



TDC
Implant Centres
www.smileinaday.co.uk

The ultimate alternative to dentures

No more loose, missing or false teeth - because now there's **Smile-In-A-Day!**

Award Winning Dental Implant Treatment

If you've lost confidence because of dentures, or loose or missing teeth, the advanced Smile In A Day technique from TDC is the answer.

We'll give you a natural smile with smooth, even teeth using a method that takes less time and causes less pain and discomfort than conventional treatment. We don't use dentures, plates, crowns or caps. Instead, we employ a technologically-advanced technique which provides a permanent solution so you can talk, smile, laugh and eat with absolute confidence.

How can we give you all this in just one day? Because our General Dental Council registered specialists* use a pioneering system that is both tried and tested. And because we've refined our skills to become as efficient as possible.

Call today to see how Smile In A Day can give you all this:

- A permanent, natural smile
- The ability to enjoy food again
- Confidence when you meet people
- An end to shame and embarrassment
- Extremely high success rate
- Superior skill levels from registered specialists
- Full guarantee on all work
- Choice of easy payment options

Before

Dentures or loose or missing teeth means lack of confidence, reluctance to smile, inability to eat properly and enjoy food.



After

Smile In A Day gives you back your confidence with a beaming, natural smile - and lets you eat and enjoy whatever you want.



TDC Harley Street Clinic

77 Harley Street, London W1G 8QN

TDC Folkestone Clinic

Suite 1, 92 Sandgate Road, Folkestone, Kent CT20 2BE

TDC Peterborough Clinic

3rd Floor Market Chambers, Cathedral Square, Peterborough PE1 1XW

Read more testimonials from our happy customers on our website.

"Wow. Thank you so, so much. I love my new smile."

Sally Ann, Smile In A Day patient.



CALL FREE 0800 041 3011**

Visit our website for more information: www.smileinaday.co.uk



**FINAL
DAYS TO
SAVE**

flash
event
**ends
Sunday**

up to
60% off

and delivered within 28 days



The Bloom
3 seater sofa

NOW £299

AFTER EVENT £699

SAVE £400

£6.22

a month for 4 years

No deposit and
no interest - ever!

see in-store and online for more Flash Event sofas

0%
APR
REPRESENTATIVE

4 years interest free credit on everything

or

Pay nothing until January 2014 then take 3 years
interest free credit

dfs

making everyday more comfortable

Visit your nearest store, order direct at www.dfs.co.uk or call free on 0800 110 5000 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Bloom 3 seater sofa, cushions optional extra. No deposit with 4 years interest free credit. 48 equal monthly payments of £6.22. Or pay nothing until January 2014 then 36 equal monthly payments of £8.30. 0% APR. Total £299. Credit subject to acceptance. Credit is provided by external finance companies as determined by DFS. 4 years interest free credit from date of order. 28 day delivery subject to availability and following approval of credit where applicable to mainland UK only. Delivery charges apply. After event price applies from 11.03.13 - see instore or online for details. Mobile charges may apply when calling 0800 110 5000. DFS is a division of DFS Trading Ltd. Registered in England and Wales No 01735950. Redhouse Interchange, Doncaster, DN6 7NA.

Maidstone 01622 765858 London Road, Allington ME16 0LP

Tunbridge Wells 01892 519194 Great Lodge Retail Park, Longfield Road TN2 3EW

Sidcup 020 8308 9177 Crittall's Corner, Sidcup Bypass DA14 6LX

Also at **Croydon 020 8688 0083**

Opening Hours: Mon to Fri 9am to 8pm. Sat 9am to 6pm. Sun 11am to 5pm.
Croydon - Sat 9am to 7pm.

News

for more pictures and news go to www.kentnews.co.uk

TECHNOLOGY

£1.5 billion reason why upgrade to broadband speeds is welcome here

By Marijke Cox

marijke.cox@archant.co.uk

WIDESPREAD superfast broadband could spark a massive £1.5 billion boom in the county's economy.

That's the prediction by County Hall chiefs, who are preparing a digital action plan to ensure Kent and Medway makes the most of its Broadband Delivery UK Project (BDUK), which aims to transform broadband infrastructure.

The £43 million scheme – funded by £10m from Kent County Council, £9.87m from central Government and the remainder from a network operator – intends to deliver superfast services to 90 per cent of the county's population by 2015. This speed, a minimum of 20Mbps, enables a film, for example, to download in around 15 minutes.

The remaining 10 per cent will be able to access 2Mbps – a film download speed of approximately three or four hours.

A report by charity GO ON UK, which works to improve digital ability, argues the economic benefits of greater capability and usage would uplift the national gross domestic product (GDP) by £6.3bn. In Kent, this would be around £1.5bn. The current GDP for the county is £12.15bn.

GDP is the market value of all goods and services within a country or area.

Business, strategy and support officer at KCC, Liz Harrison, said small and medium-sized enter-

WHAT IS BROADBAND DELIVERY UK?



BDUK is a nationwide drive to ensure everyone has access to broadband services by 2015.

The Kent and Medway project seeks to help residents and businesses in hard to reach areas, such as rural communities and internet blackspots.

Upgrade work is taking place to broadband infrastructure to allow for these superfast services.

The scheme is expected to bring everyone up to speed in the digital age.

prises (SMEs) would see an enhanced turnover and public services, significant savings.

She said: "We are putting in this investment to ensure we can get economic uplift and ensure all individuals and businesses get access to the internet. This is about making sure we seize the opportunities on the horizon.

"There are shocking statistics about the number of people not online and SMEs that do not have a web-based presence.

"The digital action plan will look at how we can encourage innovation on the back of new infrastructure."

Kent and Medway's BDUK project is storming ahead and is in the final stages of the procure-

ment process, with the chosen service provider due to be revealed next month.

This is in contrast to the national drive as a whole, which has faced setbacks caused by issues surrounding state aid approval.

Kent is on track to see the scheme delivered by the 2015 deadline, with the start of the rollout beginning next year.

Some 18,000 businesses and residents who get extremely slow or no broadband have signed up to KCC's Make Kent Quicker campaign which looks to find out the need across the county.

Earlier this year, fibre broadband was installed in areas across the county as part of an upgrade of BT's infrastructure to improve speeds.

NATURE

Vandals hit wildlife site

AN IMPORTANT environment site has been targeted by vandals who have destroyed work created by volunteers and school children.

Now an appeal has gone out for the public to help crackdown on the problems at the Milton Creek Country Park in Sittingbourne.

A spokesman said: "This is a mindless act of vandalism which must be stopped."

ROADS

Lorries crash on A20

A DRIVER of a French-registered lorry was seriously injured after two lorries crashed on the A20 at Capel-Le-Ferne on Wednesday.

The 55-year-old was in a critical condition after being taken by air ambulance to a London hospital. The other driver, of a Hungarian lorry, 60, was arrested on suspicion of dangerous driving and released on bail.

TRANSPORT

Crackdown at taxi rank

A CRACKDOWN to ensure taxis operating in the centre of Tunbridge Wells are safe and correctly licensed took place recently.

Some 25 cabs were stopped in a joint operation between the local council, Kent Police and the Vehicle and Operator Services Agency. Four drivers were told to correct defects before being allowed to continue to operate.

New concept in Cité Europe!



A real bar to taste

Over 100 Beers, 40 Wines, Champagnes and Spirits tasting!





Wines



Whiskies

1000 Beers
1200 Wines
200 Champagnes
500 Whiskies
200 Rhums...



5mn from Calais
A16 • Exit 41 Coquelles
citeeurope.com

www.terredeboissons.com




HISTORY

Lord Kitchener and the secrets surrounding his country house

By Joe Bill

joe.bill@archant.co.uk

HIS image is synonymous with wartime history and a symbol of World War One – with his face on the famous poster calling for volunteers.

But, some would argue, little is known about Field Marshal Herbert Horatio Kitchener's time in Kent.

The man behind the poster owned a country house in Barham, near Canterbury, a Grade I-listed mansion and grounds, located in Broome Park, from 1911 through to his death in 1916.

Headless statues, secret tunnels and an army of buried tanks are just some of the hidden treasures concealed within the grounds.

But there is a sad twist to the story, as Broome Park's activities co-ordinator Karen Hodgkiss explains: "He never actually got to live in it properly. Having been on tour in Egypt, Lord Kitchener returned to England to command the troops attending the coronation of King George V.

"For some time he had been searching for a house of character, not simply as a dwelling for his retirement, but as a repository for the artefacts collected over his years as a soldier."

Kitchener bought Broome Park for £14,000 and set about renovating it. The lord, known for his campaigns during the Boer War and World War One, put his niece Nora in charge of the res-



HERITAGE: From left: The mansion at Broome Park; an area of the park's extensive gardens; the door Lord Kitchener had specially adapted to allow him entry to the house while sat atop his horse

toration while he continued to tour away from home. Much of their detailed correspondence about the restoration still exists.

"He often held events here and had the door made into the shape you see now because sometimes he would need to enter on a horse. That's the kind of chap he was."

Mrs Hodgkiss gives tours of the Broome Park mansion and Italian garden to visitors and guests staying at the house, which is now a hotel.

Kitchener raised the level of the first floor to suit his need for higher ceilings, added two fire places, a stunning staircase and also created a

Chinese room for his objects from the Far East.

"He did things a certain way," the guide explains. "For example, there are no drainpipes on the outside of the building, they are all hidden within the brickwork. It looks nicer but of course is a massive headache when there is a leak."

The mansion house itself was first built in 1635 taking four years to complete with more than 270,000 handmade bricks used. It included stables, a brew house and around 5,000 acres of land, which has gradually been reduced to the current 250 accompanying the house.

It was handed down through generations of barons and lords before eventually being sold by Sir Percy Oxenden to Kitchener.

During the five years of his ownership, constant renovation meant Broome Park remained empty: "He never got to live in the house because it wasn't finished. He instead occupied the Steward's building, known as Flint Cottage."

But his influence was obvious. A secret tunnel was built connecting the mansion and a building on the edge of the grounds for quick escape if things went bad during the war. There is also a trap door in another room and plenty of other secretive cubby holes under the building.

The gardens are littered with history, including one of Kitchener's antique statues reportedly worth £88,000. There is also a number of headless statues. Mrs Hodgkiss added: "That is said to be because Kitchener's men used the heads for target practice when they were here."

During his 40 years of campaigning, Kitchener



er had been in receipt of considerable sums of money and had amassed "booty" and objects d'art but unfortunately he was never able to admire it in a completed Broome Park.

Despite a number of conspiracy theories, it is reported that on June 5, 1916, Kitchener was travelling on the HMS Hampshire to Russia when the ship struck a mine and sank close to the Orkney Islands, taking him down with it.

The 65-year-old lord never married or had any children and so the incomplete Broome Park passed to his nephew Toby, Viscount Broome, who retained it until its sale in 1928.

Another story from the Broome Park past tells of how after Kitchener's death, his nephew Toby discovered a big bag of gold coins stuffed away in the back of a fireplace, which was used to pay for the completion of the restoration.

And the mystery did not end once the famous lord had passed away.

In the early 1930s Broome Park was bought by Mr G C Jell and transformed into a country house hotel. But World War Two intervened and the estate was requisitioned by the Ministry of Defence. Several regiments were housed there during the war, including the Canadian Tank Regiment and Broome Park is said to have been a strategic target for Nazi planes.

At the end of the conflict it is rumoured that the regiment thought it too expensive to transport their tanks back to Canada and 11 are said to be buried somewhere in the grounds.

Visit www.broomepark.com for more details.



TUNBRIDGE WELLS YEAR 5 CLASS STARTING SOON

**Tunbridge Wells Sports Centre,
St Johns Road, Tunbridge Wells**
Each Wednesday 4.30pm - 6.00pm

CALL NOW - LIMITED PLACES

www.11plus-academy.co.uk
tel 01634 566165

email
enquiries@11plus-academy.co.uk

We are dedicated to helping children reach their full potential at a very important time in their education.

We specialise in preparation for the KENT 11+ Test.

- Regular feedback
- Small class sizes with friendly club-like atmosphere
- Easy pay options
- 87% Pass Rate (2012)

"Let us take the stress out of the test in 2013!"



THE MAN BEHIND THE POSTER

Best known for an image of his face used on World War One recruitment posters declaring "your country needs you", Field Marshal Horatio Herbert Kitchener was born in 1859.

He went on to win fame for his role in a host of campaigns – most notably in 1898 for winning the Battle of Omdurman and securing control of the Sudan, after which he was given the title Baron Kitchener of Khartoum.

As his career progressed so his title was raised to lord, and eventually earl, but it is as Lord Kitchener that he is most popularly known.

The leader of men also played significant roles in the Second Boer War as chief of staff of the British Army and subsequently became commander-in-chief.

Lord Kitchener was killed in 1916. He remains an iconic character in British military history.





Established 1981
SupaGlazing
 Limited
Over 52,000 customers!

Introducing the...

Supa Diamond

A rated, **ANY** size, **ANY** number
 of openers, White UPVC

4 WINDOWS
£1,368.00 inc VAT

5 WINDOWS
£1,704.00 inc VAT

6 WINDOWS
£2,040.00 inc VAT

7 WINDOWS
£2,378.40 inc VAT

All inclusive of fitting, survey, guarantee & includes
 Pilkington Energikare saving glass.



A Rated Windows

Pilkington **Optiwhite™** (outer pane)
 Argon gas filling with warm edge spacer
 Pilkington **K Glass™ OW** (inner pane)

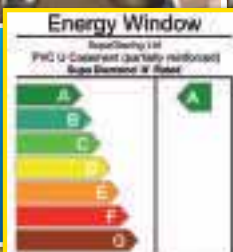
A Rated Windows



**30%
 OFF ALL**
 Conservatories
 & Orangeries

**Celebrating over 32 years
 of beautiful windows...
 Guaranteed**

Finance available subject
 to status, written quotations
 available on request.



**Don't just
 glaze it,
 Supaglaze it!**

All of our installers are CRB checked.

Hurry!
**Offers end
 19th
 March**

Knight Road, Strood (opposite Morrisons)

01634 294 696

Open 6 days a week
 Monday - Saturday 9am - 5pm

2 Roman Square, Sittingbourne
 13 Lowfield Street, Dartford

01795 422 877
01322 290 525

AS HEARD ON heart
 103.1 102.8



Profile: BS7950 BS7413
 Door Lock: BS3621
 Toughened Glass:
 BSEN12150-1

Factory awarded **British Safety Council Safety Award**: Every Year Since 1984

Head office and factories at Deacon Trading Centre, Knight Road, Strood.

www.supaglazing.com



30 ONLY AVAILABLE

Here at Johnsons we have a job lot of 30 Log cabins to clear They are 3m (9ft 10") x 3m (9ft 10") and under 2.5m in height making it a perfect summerhouse and attractive addition to nearly every size of garden

PERFECT FOR THAT GARDEN RETREAT

THE VANCOUVER LOG CABIN INSTALLED FOR ONLY £1995



**MASSIVE
SAVINGS ON
A FIRST COME
FIRST SERVED
BASIS**

Double glazed cabin available for only £249 extra and other optional extras on offer.

**PRICE INCLUDES DELIVERY + CONSTRUCTION + FELT ROOF SOLID LEVEL BASE REQUIRED
AVAILABLE FROM JOHNSONS IF REQUIRED AT A REDUCED RATE OF ONLY £299**

28MM SOLID TIMBER, INTERLOCKING WALL CONSTRUCTION, FULLY GLAZED FRONT ASPECT, SOLID TIMBER FLOOR, FELT ROOF AND FULLY CONSTRUCTED IN YOUR GARDEN

COME AND SEE THE BEST DISPLAY OF LOG CABINS IN KENT AND DISCOVER YOUR OUTSIDE SPACE

Find us at:

Johnsons Nursery Old Thanet Way, near Mc Donalds, Chestfield, CT5 3JD. between Whitstable & Herne Bay - Tel: 01227 793717

Notcutts Garden Centre Outside Display Area, Car Park B Newham Court Village Maidstone, ME14 5LH. - Tel: 01622 730777

Polhill Garden Centre Outside Display Area London Rd, Halstead, Sevenoaks, TN14 7AD - Tel: 01959 533466

**Phone our sales hotline
0845 45 99 444**

**sales@johnsonsgardenbuildings.co.uk
www.johnsonsgardenbuildings.co.uk**

EDUCATION

Village is 'wrong place' for a free school

KCC voice concern over emotive plan to reuse former college campus, as **Marijke Cox** reports

EDUCATION chiefs at County Hall have warned that a new free school in a rural village would be in the "wrong place at the wrong time".

Parish councillors have also raised concerns and asked for the opening date, set for this September, to be deferred until 2014.

The contentious proposal for a new secondary school in Wye, near Ashford, has divided opinion, with some suggesting the plans are simply a way of bringing the old Wye College buildings back into use, rather than actually catering for an educational need.

A bid for a 600-capacity free school was drawn up by a local committee in 2011, which stated it would give families another non-selective secondary school option and reinvigorate the village's educational heritage by locating it at the deserted college.

But others feared a new secondary would cause traffic chaos and argued a village of that size would be unable to cope.

While the Department for Education gave its backing, its funding arm, the Education Funding Agency, which also manages school premises, deemed the Edwardian campus unsuitable.

Instead it outlined plans to use the

What is... Wye College?

Founded in the 15th century, it specialised in agricultural studies and was a well-known study and research centre for rural business and management, biological sciences and agriculture until its controversial closure in 2009.

What are... free schools?

They are all-ability state-funded schools that are set up by local people in response to what is needed to improve education for children in the community.



ROWS: Old Wye College campus site

10,000 EXTRA SCHOOL PLACES NEEDED

EDUCATION chiefs have formally submitted planning applications to increase the intake of eight primaries for September, amid the crisis surrounding the lack of school places.

More than 10,000 extra places are needed in the county over the next few years.

Kent County Council is looking to expand by adding additional classes – some based in mobile classrooms – to existing schools.

Proposals have been put forward for a total of 232 extra places for September 2013.

These will be at Otford Primary in Sevenoaks, St Botolph's in Northfleet, St Mark's and St James', both in Tunbridge Wells, Lady Boswell's in Sevenoaks, Stone St Mary's in Greenhithe, Sevenoaks Primary, and Maypole Primary in Dartford.

Due to high demand, The Wells Free School, which is due to open in six months, is considering 12 additional places over two years, allowing the school to offer three classes of 24 children.

Kempe Centre – a more modern building which was the library on the campus – as well as erecting new buildings, with the school to open in September this year.

United Learning, the education provider tasked with running the school, supported this plan, sparking fierce backlash from residents.

A consultation into the proposal launched in January has now closed

with education secretary Michael Gove due to look at the response and sign a funding agreement.

But Kent County Council has deemed the free school inappropriate for the area, stating it is "some distance" from growth areas, specifically the proposed urban villages of Chilmington Green and Cheeseman's Green.

In a letter to United Learning, Patrick Leeson, KCC corporate direc-

tor of education, said: "The proposal for a free school in Wye is a case of being in the wrong place at the wrong time."

A survey carried out by Wye with Hinxhill Parish Council while the consultation was under way, found 62 per cent backed a new school in the Grade II Edwardian buildings and 28 per cent for the Kempe Centre proposal. But overall results showed 21 per

cent were against a free school.

The parish council resolved to press for a deferment of the start of a possible school to September 2014 and to hold an exhibition about the development to keep the community informed.

Members also agreed to inform United Learning, site owner Imperial College and the Education Funding Agency of the strong opposition to the Kempe Centre building proposal.

10% OFF Everything

Ts & Cs

1. Please bring this voucher to claim your discount.

2. Ends 10th March 2013

3. All products are covered by the offer.



- Fantastic display of lighting
- Over 2,500 stocked products
- Large showrooms
Tonbridge 6,000 Sq ft,
Tunbridge Wells 5,000 Sq ft
- Free parking, Open 7 days per week
- Confident, trained & helpful staff

20 YEAR
GUARANTEE
AGAINST CORROSION

Tonbridge Lighting Centre
Edwards Electrical
Vale Road Industrial Estate
TN9 1SW 01732 363583
next to Tonbridge Fire Station

Tunbridge Wells Lighting Centre
Edwards Electrical
North Farm Industrial Estate
TN2 3BF 01892 527647
near Topps Tiles

Lighting
Centre

NEW BRANCH OPENING SOON IN GILLINGHAM

PLEASE CALL FOR FURTHER DETAILS

HERNE BAY BRANCH NOW OPEN



**You've tried the rest
now try the best**
**YOUR ONE STOP SHOP
FOR BUILDING SUPPLIES**



MARCH SPECIALS

(FREE local SOS delivery service available)



200x100 2.4 metre
£12.99

200x100 3 metre
£16.99

Available Green or
Brown



**Jumbo Bags
aggregate
from
£29.95 +
vat**



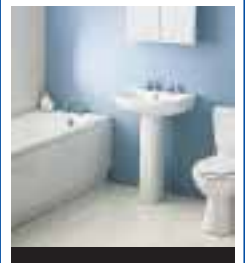
**Mastercrete
cement
Buy 10 Get
1 Free**



**Quinn
cement
£2.95 +
vat**



**Riven 450 x
450 slabs
£1.85 +
vat each**



**Bathroom
suites
just
£295 + vat**

**Also available - large selection of
ready mixed concrete, fencing,
bricks & timber**

Quote **MBS PROMO to receive the offer prices**



Trade & Retail Open: Mon-Fri 7.00-5.30pm

Open all-day Saturday

Tel: 01227 455 565

Unit 12, Wincheap Ind Est, Cotton Road, Canterbury, Kent CT1 3RB

Tel: 01227 366 633

MBS House, 80 Eddington Lane, Herne Bay CT6 5TR

www.mitchambuildingsupplies.co.uk • canterbury@mbs.uk.com

News

for more pictures and news go to www.kentnews.co.uk

CRIME

Illegal cigarettes reach 'epidemic proportions' as crime and health risks highlighted

By Chris Murphy

editorial@kosmedia.co.uk

MORE than half of cigarettes smoked in Gillingham have not been taxed – more than double the national average and putting the town top of the table in a list of the country's illegal tobacco hotspots.

It has prompted local MP Rehman Chishti to demand urgent action to tackle the flood of smuggled or counterfeit cigarettes on the market.

He wants national government to take steps to crack down on the problem – and called on the local council to step up its fight too.

He said: "Illegal tobacco has an impact on people's health, hits the local economy and can have links to criminal gangs.

"These latest figures are concerning given the impact illegal tobacco has. It also makes it easier for young people to access cigarettes illegally and start smoking.

"I am seeking assurances that the council is taking all appropriate action to address this issue.

"Illegal tobacco also harms local businesses, especially newsagents, and costs the UK economy around £2 billion every year."

The research comes from Swiss company MS Intelligence, which monitored the number of tossed

away empty packets which were then examined for authenticity.

The government said it is aware of the problem and takes it so seriously a parliamentary committee is preparing to begin an inquiry into the illicit tobacco trade for the first time.

Will O'Reilly, former Scotland Yard detective chief inspector who has conducted research on behalf of tobacco giant Philip Morris since November 2011, said the illicit tobacco trade had reached "epidemic proportions" in parts of the UK.

Mike O'Brien, portfolio holder for community safety and customer contact at Medway Council, said: "Although trading standards officers enforce safety legislation for the marking of cigarette packets, the primary responsibility for enforcement of failure to pay duty lies with HMRC. With that in mind, though, we welcome any information that illustrates the level and nature of tobacco use within the area.

"In the study, Gillingham, Worthing and Poole were the three towns with the highest amount of illicit tobacco discovered.

"Without access to the data behind the report, it is hard to comment, but all three areas are in reasonable proximity to Channel ports. This may well be a factor for those towns and the south east."

TOP ILLEGAL TOBACCO TOWNS

Percentage of smuggled/counterfeit cigarettes

Gillingham, Kent	Poole, Dorset	Worthing, West Sussex
54.5	50.83	49.24

Stats: MS Intelligence

IN FIGURES

£12.1bn	tax revenue from tobacco for 2011/12 for the UK
£2.2bn	annual cost to the UK taxpayer of smuggled tobacco
33%	cigarettes in the south east sold with no tax paid
26%	national average of non-taxed cigarettes

Stats: Tobacco Manufacturers' Association/MS Intelligence

■ Want help quitting? See www.smokefree.nhs.uk – the NHS site designed help



MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE or ACCIDENT CLAIM?



- You keep 100% of your compensation
- No-win no fee
- Friendly KENT Business
- Specialising in accidents at work, road traffic accidents, medical negligence and slips and trips

Contact us now

Telephone

0845 2221 999

Email:

personal@girlingspersonalinjury.co.uk

www.girlingspersonalinjury.co.uk



NOTHING TO PAY US AT ANY STAGE



le shuttle

Get away this Easter!

From only
£51
per car, each way*

Book now
eurotunnel.com
0844 335 1647



* Ticket must be purchased as part of a 5 day return. Subject to availability. Terms and conditions apply. Price correct at time of print.

drive through europe

Boiler breakdown? You can hire The British Gas Team

From just
£79¹



If your boiler breaks down, don't worry, help is just a phone call away.

Our boiler repair service includes:

- ✓ Fixed, competitive prices
- ✓ Parts and labour included²
- ✓ Diagnostic and safety checks
- ✓ Work and parts guaranteed for 12 months

For a one-off emergency repair call

0800 000 999 quote X846

You don't even need to be a British Gas customer, so save the number in your phone today

British Gas
Looking after your world

¹Price for households within the M25 vary. Subject to Availability. Price correct at time of print.
²Terms and conditions apply. Visit britishgas.co.uk/999 for details.

PETS

Wanted: Dog-loving families to give man's best friend a holiday

By Chris Britcher

chris.britcher@archant.co.uk

FOR many dog owners, finding the right kennel can be a tricky task for a pet who has grown used to home comforts.

But while many businesses struggle in the economic climate, one shows no signs of slowing, by offering an alternative to checking your pets into a kennel.

Instead, your pet pooch is paired up with a carefully vetted family who will shower it with all the attention your dog has come to expect: if your dog is allowed on the sofa or even sleeps on the end of your bed – well its temporary home will extend the same courtesy.

In short, they get an all-inclusive holiday too.

Sally Hall runs a franchise of Barking Mad, which has a string of outlets across the county, including the one she handles covering Maidstone, Sittingbourne and Medway.

She said: "Lots of people find that their dogs don't like kennels, so we provide an alternative.

"Others have elderly dogs or are



rescue pets who need a loving family around them and all the home comforts. Their owners don't feel they can put them in kennels.

"We even had some on medication. One family looks after a diabetic dog and administers insulin to him every day."

The extra level of care doesn't come cheap, however, with the average £12-15 a night charge of a regu-

HOLIDAY HOMES:

Marion and Peter with house guests Lola and Lucy, right is Barking Mad's Sally Hall with Cleo

lar kennel being trumped by the £20 a day Barking Mad fee.

Explains Mrs Hall: "We're not cheaper but then we're offering a different sort of service."

And the scheme has proved so popular, with more than 200 customers on her books, that Mrs Hall is now appealing for more helpers to become host families for the dogs.

Mrs Hall explains: "We don't pay enough to make a living out of this – because what is important to us is that the people love looking after pets and have the right environment to do so.

"We are very strict in who we take on. We often find retired couples – who have had dogs in the past but can no longer accept the full-time commitment – are very keen.

"It's the same with young families. They like the option of being able to look after a dog when it suits them.

"And for the owner, they can be assured their dog is having as good a time as they are on holiday, with all their normal routines intact."

Interested in getting involved? Then visit www.barkingmad.uk.com or call Mrs Hall on 01634 577488.



NEED A LOCAL PLUMBER?



Whatever you are looking for localsearch24.co.uk will help you find it

localsearch24.co.uk your trusted local directory

Specialising in Cambelt Replacement

J D CAMBELTS

- 2 Year Warranty
- Vehicle Servicing
- General Repairs
- Cambelt Replacements
- All repair work guaranteed
- Local collection and delivery available



01227 860859

info@jdcambelts.co.uk
www.jdcambelts.co.uk

The Denture Clinic

"Smile with Confidence"

- Express Denture Repair, Reline and addition Service.
- New Cosmetic Dentures with Jaw Line Improvement
- All Work Produced on Premises, Excellent Aftercare
- GDC Registered Clinical Dental Technicians

Call today for a **FREE** initial consultation

31 Roper Close, Canterbury,
01227 764241

110 High Street, Broadstairs,
01843 600789

www.dentureclinicincanterbury.co.uk
www.dentureclinicinbroadstairs.co.uk





VISIT OUR MASSIVE SHOWROOM
LARGE RANGE OF BATHROOM SUITES ON DISPLAY

**HEAR OUR
 ADVERT ON
 heart 103.1 102.8**

GREAT OFFERS INSTORE...



**AQUALISA DREAM
 CONCEALED SHOWER**
 RRP £423 **OUR PRICE £274**



AQUALISA ASPIRE SHOWER
 RRP £371 **OUR PRICE £230**
 - WHILE STOCK LAST



**AQUALISA SIREN
 CONCEALED VALVE SHOWER**
 RRP £312 **OUR PRICE £193**
 WHILE STOCKS LAST

AQUALISA OFFERS IN STOCK, TAKE AWAY TODAY!



**AQUALISA COLT
 EXPOSED VALVE SHOWER**
 RRP £267 **OUR PRICE £160**
 WHILE STOCKS LAST



**AQUALISA QUARTZ
 ELECTRIC SHOWER**
 RRP £351 **OUR PRICE FROM £141**
 WHILE STOCKS LAST



**AQUALISA VISAGE
 DIGITAL SHOWER**
 RRP £480 **OUR PRICE FROM £270**
 WHILE STOCKS LAST

New ranges now on display – visit our showroom today!

Opening Hours
 Mon-Fri 7.30-5.30
 Sat 9.00-4.00

ALLBITS
 Plumbing Supplies

ALL Prices Include
 VAT at 20%



Unit 60, John Wilson Industrial Estate,
 Kent, CT5 3QT Whitstable

Call us now: **01227 281648**



saunders park homes *in Kent*

Court Mount, Birchington voted **"Best Park in Great Britain 2010"**

**Look out for
our 2013
Open
Weekend
dates!**

**Luxury Park Home
Living for the over
50's on 3 award
winning parks
in Kent**

**A relaxed, warm and friendly
atmosphere, a beautiful home
and worry free living**

**Enjoy the peace of a more traditional village like community
where your neighbour is your friend and your lifestyle
is comfortable and secure**

Parks at:

The Foxhunter Park

Monkton

Court Mount

Birchington

Bluebell Woods

Broad Oak, Canterbury

for further information visit us at

www.saundersparkhomes.co.uk

or telephone us for a brochure on **01843 821311**

COMMENT

Britain is being run by men

Kent Police and Crime Commissioner **Ann Barnes** makes an urgent plea for more women to step forward to stand in the upcoming county election in a bid to redress the unequal balance of power between men and women

I'm not sure if you read about a report published recently on the lack of women in public life. Well I'm not surprised by the contents of this report when the advancement of women in the senior ranks of politics has gone into reverse.

The report, Sex and Power 2013, is a real eye-opener. It highlights that women only make up 22.5 per cent of MPs, 12.3 per cent of council leaders, 17 per cent of cabinet members, 15.6 per cent of high court judges, 5 per cent of editors of national newspapers and, of course, there are no women bishops.

Apart from a democratic deficit, it's almost criminal to ignore the talent and diverse views that any country and economy so badly needs. Women make up 51 per cent of the population but power is concentrated in the hands of a minority. It's official then – Britain is run by men.

The issue of equality is getting worse, but mercifully, there are lots of very successful

women around and we need to celebrate that female success.

The county elections are coming up in May so come on ladies, decide to stand for election. Get out there and do your bit.

It's never too late to put yourself forward for public life, as I am living testament too. Even the media call me Ann Barnes, aged 67. They just can't state my name without mentioning my age.

It's hard for women in the world of policing and I strongly believe that there should be more women on the top floor helping to run the Kent force.

Talking of women playing a leading role, I was over the moon with how my first Meet the Commissioner event went.

This was the first time I have held a public forum that allowed residents and stakeholders to come along and put their questions to me face-to-face. I've always felt this is the most powerful

form of communication and there's nothing that will beat this.

I wasn't sure how the night was going to go, or indeed if anyone was actually going to come along. I shouldn't have been worried as around 170 people turned up to take part.

The room was buzzing with questions on rural crime, visibility, plans for a Youth Commissioner and more. Incidentally, we've had 164 applications for the post.

I also had the Deputy Chief Constable, Alan Pughsley, on hand to answer police specific questions. The feedback from the night was excellent. I was really pleased with how it all went and I'll be holding my next event in late April in Faversham.

I hope I might see you there...

*Best wishes,
Ann*

*your Kent Police and
Crime Commissioner*



POLICE

Panic-stricken driver rescued at crossing

A MOTORIST with a fear of crossing bridges managed to take a wrong turn and found himself facing a trip over the Dartford bridge on Monday.

The terrified motorist, who did not know the area, suffers from geophyrophobia and was so panic-stricken at the thought of having to drive across the bridge – even though he was on the Kent side and therefore about to use the tunnel – he had to call the police.

The force control room operator explained to the driver he would be passing through the tunnel, not over the bridge, but the motorist confessed he still felt too scared to cross.

The operator stayed on the phone with the worried man to reassure him until a patrol located his car, drove the vehicle through the tunnel, with him as a passenger, and sent him on his way.

Inspector Paul Sellwood, of the Kent Police roads policing unit, said: "This incident shows how seriously we take all calls we receive from members of the public. We always respond and we try to help to the best of our ability."

"Our role is maintaining order and safety on the roads, so if someone is concerned, trapped or scared, it is our job to attend and help and support them wherever we can."



Line and wrinkle reduction procedures available at The Wells Suite



Whether from environmental damage, such as such as smoking or sun, or just a natural side-effect of ageing, our faces are prone to showing lines and wrinkles.

There are many ways to treat lines and wrinkles. To establish which treatment is right for you, The Wells Suite now offers regular clinics with Consultant Plastic surgeon Mr Brent Tanner MA (Cantab) FRCS every Thursday evening.

For a free, no obligation consultation, please call 01892 635888.

For further information on our line and wrinkle reduction treatments, please visit www.thewellssuite.co.uk



News

for more pictures and news go to www.kentnews.co.uk

DEVELOPMENT

Former council site handed over to retirement company

By Chris Britcher

chris.britcher@archant.co.uk

AFTER months of negotiations and years of uncertainty, contracts have been exchanged which will see the former Tunbridge Wells council office site in Cranbrook transformed into retirement apartments.

The borough council says contracts were exchanged with developer McCarthy & Stone. The sale of the site will be finalised as and when the developers achieve planning approval.

McCarthy & Stone says it intends to start a pre-application community consultation in the coming months.

Council leader at Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, David Jukes, said: "This is very good news for the borough and Cranbrook residents in particular.

"Negotiations for the sale of the site have taken place over recent months as we have sought to find the best deal for residents."

A spokesperson for McCarthy & Stone added: "We are committed to engaging with the community and will be offering residents the opportunity to meet with the project team to discuss the early proposals in the coming months.

"This will ensure residents and stakeholders can view and comment on the proposed plans and will allow people to speak with the team and provide feedback."



Ceilidh Break

Loch Tummel Hotel
Perthshire STB ***

This 6 day coach break staying at our Loch Tummel Hotel includes a "Ceilidh Night" (Kay-lee), when you will enjoy typical Scottish entertainment with foot tapping music provided by accordionists, pipers and highland dancers. There will be an excursion everyday including Pitlochry, St Andrews, Braemar, Balmoral, Ballater, Aberfeldy, Crieff & entrance to Blair Castle.

All for just

£235
per person

Your special
coach departs
**Sunday 31st
March**

Tour Includes:

5 Nights Half Board
Nightly Entertainment
All Excursions
Pickup from Orpington,
Locksbottom, Bromley,
Chislehurst, Sidcup,
Bexley, Dartford,
Birchanger Services

01389 713713 www.lochs.com

Holidays are fully bonded.
School Road, Gartocharn, G83 8RW

COMPETITION

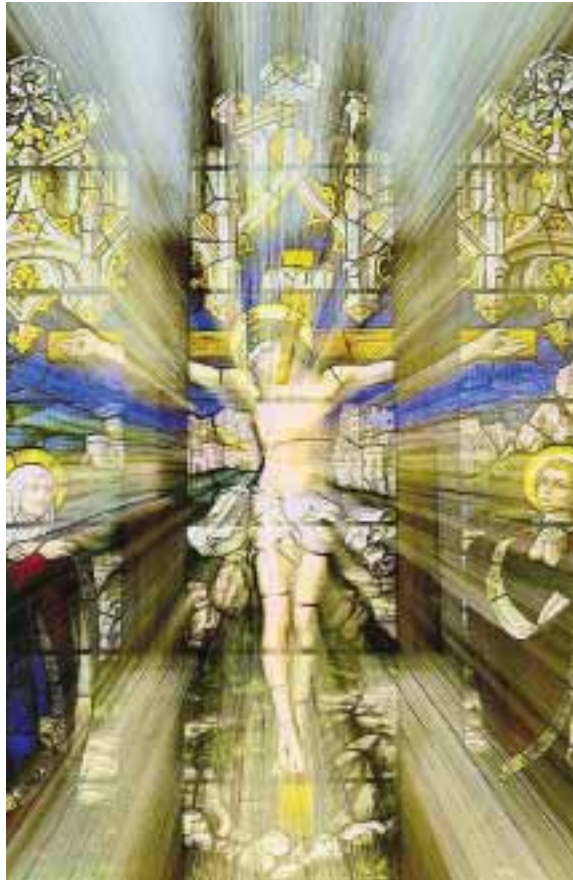
Focus on faith for picture contest

IF you have faith in your ability behind the lens of a camera, then the Diocese of Rochester's annual photography competition could be just for you.

There are three categories – times of faith, symbols of faith and people of faith – and the closing date for entries is Friday, May 17.

The top submissions will go on display at Rochester Cathedral, with the public voting for the eventual winners.

Visit www.rochester.anglican.org for more information about rules and prizes.



Sun 17 March **FREE ENTRY**
Spring Wedding Fayre
11am-4pm
at Quex Park

Come and be inspired for your big day

Grand Prize Draw

Friendly Exhibitors

Guided tours of venue & gardens

Complimentary glass of bubbly

Café open

Our popular wedding fayre attracts many top exhibitors covering all aspects of your wedding day.

Enter our Grand Prize Draw for the chance to win a free bespoke Wedding Cake up to the value of £500* *T&C's apply

01843 482004

wedding.enquiries@quexpark.co.uk



Umbermaster



THE COMPLETE SERVICE FROM UMBERMASTER

• DESIGN • MANUFACTURE • INSTALLATION



Creating beautiful kitchens, completely tailored to meet your lifestyle & budget, now with 2 locations for you to visit for inspiration & ideas



www.umbermaster.co.uk

19-25 Blenheim Close, Pysons Road Industrial Estate, Broadstairs, Kent, CT10 2YF
Telephone: 01843 602607

In Lenleys, Roper Road
Canterbury CT2 7EL
Telephone: 01227 766655

FARL

EST 1928

MARCH OFFER



VISIT OUR WINCHEAP SHOWROOM

Kitchen Showroom,
5 Wincheap
Canterbury CT1 3TB
01227 379300

sales@jcfarley.co.uk

EY S

Buy either of the two beds below and get the mattress FREE



FOR A FREE QUOTE ON A NEW KITCHEN

ON DISPLAY

**Fireplaces and Fires in Conjunction
with Invicta Gas of Whitstable**

**Ramsgate Showroom
46-54 Chatham Street
Ramsgate
Kent CT11 7PR
01843 593069**



ALLBITS

HUGE Discounts at East Kent's
Largest **BATHROOM** Showroom

01797 363623



**1760mm Freestanding Bath
with Chrome Feet**



£249



P Shape Suite

8mm Thick Shower Bath
6mm Thick Bath Screen
Bath Shower Mixer
Basin Mixer & Waste
Basin & Pedestal
Close Coupled WC
Soft Close Seat

£460

**Opening
Times**

Fri 28th Dec: 9am - 3pm
Sat 29th Dec: 9am - 3pm
Sun 30th Dec: Closed
Mon 31st Dec: 9am - 3pm
1st January: Closed

2nd Jan onwards:
Mon - Fri: 7.30am - 6pm
Saturday: 9am - 3pm
Sunday: 10am - 2pm

All Prices Include VAT



**Shower Bath
Bathroom Suite**

£490



En-Suite Set



£399

Senator WC and Basin Set



£129

Shop Online at www.bathzones.co.uk

1150 Back To Wall Vanity Suite

Soft Close Doors Pre-Assembled

£232



1100 Compact Suite

Soft Close Doors Pre-Assembled

£399



Versatile Back to Wall Suite

Soft Close Doors Pre-Assembled

**All For an
Incredible
£499**



**Call us now on 01797 363623 for more GREAT
bathroom offers or visit our showroom...**

FREE Local Delivery - FREE Parking
Friendly Service - Trader Counter
Massive Showroom

**ALLBITS Plumbing Supplies - Unit 10, Cinque Ports Road
Mountfield Industrial Estate, New Romney, Kent, TN28 8LH**

CHARITY

Mother's Day should motivate women to join Race for Life, says grieving daughter

By Marijke Cox

marijke.cox@archant.co.uk

A DAUGHTER who lost her mother to cancer last year is calling on other women to show their love this Mother's Day by signing up for Race for Life.

Elaine Keiller, a businesses services officer, said for many women whose mothers have passed away, this Sunday will be a poignant reminder of their loss.

For others, it will highlight how special their mothers are.

The 43-year-old, from Weaving in Maidstone, took part in last year's Race for Life, just two weeks after her mother, Pat Sturrock, died of breast cancer.

"I was heartbroken," she said.

"My emotions were so raw, but at the same time I knew Mum was looking down on me, spurring me along and that's what got me round the course. It was one of the most poignant days of my life.

"I want to encourage other women to sign-up.

"Some will be motivated to do so in memory of their mothers, like me. Others will have the opportunity to take part alongside their mums as a wonderful way of spending time together in a defiant gesture to cancer."

A mum-of-two herself, Mrs Keiller described the moment her mother, who was 70 when she died, was diagnosed with cancer.

"Mum had found a lump under her left armpit. I was with her at the hospital when she got the results. We were both shell-shocked," she said.

"But she was absolutely determined to fight it. She endured a mastectomy and chemotherapy and for two years she was clear, but in 2010, she found a lump in her neck and was told the cancer had returned and gone to her bones.

"Even then she battled on and had further treatment including a chemotherapy trial drug.

"She was willing to try everything because her one dream in life was to live long enough to see her granddaughters' get married and have kids of their own."

But in June 2012, she sadly lost her battle.

■ To enter Race for Life go to www.raceforlife.org or call 0845 600 6050.

RACE FOR LIFE IN COUNTY

5km races:

- **Gillingham**
Capstone Road, May 19, 11am
- **Rochester**
Rochester Castle, May 19, 11.30am
- **Royal Tunbridge Wells**
Dunorlan Park, June 9, 11am
- **Folkestone**
The Leas, June 16, 11am
- **Herne Bay**
Herne Bay Seafront, June 30, 11am
- **Maidstone**
Mote Park, July 7, 11.30am
- **Margate**
Palm Bay, July 21, 11am

10km race:

- **Maidstone**
Mote Park, July 7, 9am

ATTRACTIONS FOR MUMS

BUMPER crowds are expected at the county's tourist attractions this weekend as children treat their mums this Mother's Day.

With spring-like weather this week, some attractions are likely to experience their busiest weekends of the year so far – despite forecasters warning of a chill in the air.

Gemma Wright, from Leeds Castle, said the venue's afternoon tea was proving a big draw.

"It was sold out for Sunday so we're doing it on Saturday too," she said.

Port Lympne Wild Animal Park is also hoping for big crowds as it opens its mansion and gardens which are normally closed to the public.



REMEMBERED: Elaine ran last year's Race for Life just weeks after Pat lost her fight with cancer

CRIME

Three hospitalised in 'rockstar' drug scare

WARNINGS have been issued after three people in Maidstone required hospital treatment after becoming the latest to fall victim to the mysterious 'rockstar' drug.

Last Saturday, emergency teams had to treat three people all of whom were agitated, suffered breathing problems, vomiting, had a racing pulse, high temperature and pupils that didn't respond to light. All have recovered.

All had admitted experimenting with a red pill known as rockstar.

Ch Insp Jon Bumpus said: "Taking any drug is dangerous and presents health risks, but these pills in particular appear to be unpredictable and could potentially have very serious consequences. We don't know what's in them.

"We are carrying out a number of enquiries to glean more information about this substance and I would appeal to anyone with any information about people who are selling this drug to contact us."

TRAVEL

Warning over online health card charges

HOLIDAYMAKERS are being urged not to fall victim to websites charging for key travel documents – which should be free.

Medway Council's trading standards team are particularly concerned about sites charging up to £20 to check applications for the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). It provides families with medical treatment throughout Europe and is available free through the NHS.

Medway Council's community safety chief, Mike O'Brien, said: "Hopefully this warning will help residents to avoid paying out for avoidable and often unnecessary extra charges when booking their holidays.

"It is important for consumers to always question the information supplied by internet search engines and not assume that just because a site appears at the top of the results page it is automatically an official website."

Genuine information on the EHIC can be found at www.ehic.org.uk.

LOCAL FIREPLACE & APPLIANCE SHOWROOM



A FAMILY RUN BUSINESS ESTABLISHED IN RAINHAM FOR OVER 15YRS

ALL YOUR GAS APPLIANCE NEEDS UNDER ONE ROOF

Supply, Install and service Boilers & Central Heating systems
Fires Gas & Electric • Water heaters • Wall heaters • Cookers Gas & Electric

Supply and install Wood, Marble & Stone Fireplaces fully bespoke if required

Free surveys for installation • Landlord certificates • Natural Gas & LPG

Huge range of high efficiency fires made in the UK with a 5yr warranty

All engineers Gas safe registered • Medway fair trader member



BDL GAS SERVICES

01634 232048



9 High Street, Rainham, Kent, ME8 7HX www.bdlgasservices.co.uk

News

for more pictures and news go to www.kentnews.co.uk

CRIME

Father and son arrested as part of gruesome 'Cannibal Cop' probe

By Nick Ames

nick.ames@archant.co.uk

CATHEDRAL city Canterbury found itself the focus of a gruesome cannibal case after two men were arrested in connection to an alleged plot to kill and eat women.

Nurse Dale Bolinger, 57, who is believed to work at the QEOM Hospital in Margate, and his son, actor Rick, 30, have been bailed in connection with the case of New York police officer Gilberto Valle – dubbed the 'Cannibal Cop' – who is on trial in the US over charges of conspiracy to kidnap women and eat them.

Both deny the allegations, with Dale Bolinger saying his son was only arrested "because he lives in the same house" and that they had not spoken since.

Police descended on their home and carried out a search of the property.

Mr Bolinger Snr is suspected of using the internet name MoodyBlues to communicate by email with Valle. He was arrested after Kent Police received a tip-off from US law enforcement agencies.



ARRESTED: Dale Bolinger (above). Left, courtroom building in New York

A statement said: "Kent Police can confirm that two men, aged 57 and 30, from the Canterbury area were arrested for conspiracy offences, grooming and possession of child abuse images. The two men are currently on police bail while enquiries continue.

"Kent Police has been in contact with US law enforcement agencies in relation to this investigation.

"We can confirm it is in relation to the Gilberto Valle case in the US."

In a New York court, evidence was heard that MoodyBlues became a

mentor to Valle and gave advice on how to beat a woman with a baseball bat and tips on cannibalism.

The court heard claims that MoodyBlues boasted to Valle he had eaten two people and gave him cannibalism tips.

Valle, 28, is being tried after being caught by his wife Kathleen Mangan, 27, looking at obscene websites focusing on cannibalism. Among his alleged intended victims was his wife.

Valle claims the exchanges were fantasy, but allegedly used police computers to compile files on more than

100 potential victims – and insisted to his British correspondent MoodyBlues that he was serious about his plans.

MoodyBlues is said to have recommended eating a woman alive: "I think of it as eating her to death. The meat isn't quite like pork, but very meaty."

He is also alleged to have boasted how he had eaten a "black woman and a white person".

But MoodyBlues has not been identified in the Valle trial and US police told the court they believe the comments made were pure fantasy.

THE FAMILY

Dale Bolinger is estranged from wife Rosemary, 55, and has been suspended by his employer East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust.

A spokesman said: "A member of staff has been suspended pending further police enquiries." He has denied any wrongdoing, saying: "None of this is real. It is all fantasy. I have spoken to the police and they are undertaking inquiries."

His son Rick Bolinger has a degree in theatre and performance from the University of Kent in Canterbury. Since graduating he has made a living as a performance artist.

THE TRIAL

New York police officer Gilberto Valle – nicknamed the Cannibal Cop – is on trial on charges of conspiring to kidnap, kill and cannibalise six women.

Making headlines around the world, the unusual case was heard at the Manhattan Federal Courtroom (pictured).

He has denied all the charges.

The closing arguments were heard on Thursday, with the jury beginning their deliberations on Friday.

Your Local Solar Professionals



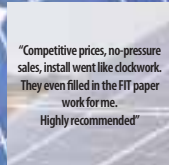
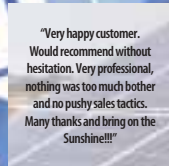
**Court Lodge Manor,
Kingsnorth, Ashford,
Kent TN23 3JE**

01233 612082

www.greenmansolar.com



"A breath of fresh air dealing with this company. Very supportive and happy to answer plenty of questions while we decided whether to go ahead. No pressure at all, they even completed the FIT paperwork for us. Highly recommended and very pleased with income during first year"



"Very happy customer. Would recommend without hesitation. Very professional, nothing was too much bother and no pushy sales tactics. Many thanks and bring on the Sunshine!!!"

"Did a fantastic job, everything done as requested, no hidden extras, nothing to much trouble. The finished ground installation looks superb just as I envisaged it. I would have no hesitation in recommending this company to anyone. A very satisfied customer"

"Competitive prices, no-pressure sales, install went like clockwork. They even filled in the FIT paper work for me. Highly recommended"

Most days Margaret feels lost

She is vulnerable

We understand dementia

We can help

01795 597 431

We have 15 care homes
specialising in dementia care
For more information contact us or visit our
website at www.avantecaresupport.org.uk

avante^e
care & support



enquiries@avantecaresupport.org.uk

Quality oak flooring from £16.99 ^{+VAT}

available from stock



A Great Range of Fencing and Gates

available from stock



01227 720537
www.winghamtimber.com

**WINGHAM TIMBER
& MOULDINGS LTD**

WINGHAM INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, GOODNESTONE ROAD, WINGHAM, CANTERBURY, KENT, CT3 1AR
Opening Hours: Mon-Fri: 8-5, Sat: 8.30-12.30

Visit our shop for:

SAWN TIMBER
PLANED TIMBER
HARDWOOD
TREATED TIMBER

SHEET MATERIALS
FENCE PANELS
FENCING GATES
SLEEPERS

QUALITY DECKING
TIMBER MOULDINGS
PAINTS & STAINS
IRONMONGERY

NAILS & FIXINGS
TOOLS
ELECTRICAL
INSULATION

SEALANTS & ADHESIVES
CEMENT
AGGREGATES

KENT REMEMBERED



Examining the various lives of HMS Chatham

By Nick Ames

nick.ames@archant.co.uk

SOME 15 Royal Navy warships have cut through the waters of the world proud to bear the name HMS Chatham – with the latest currently among four decommissioned military vessels up for sale.

And while it may hark back to a day when the town which gave the ships its name was globally renowned for its role in producing and maintaining our warships, today the link is more symbolic.

The navy is open to offers for the Type 22 Frigate, with options including it being scrapped and recycled, reused or sunk to become an artificial reef.

The latest HMS Chatham has the rare distinction of a motto in English – “Up and at ‘em”, a rallying cry associated with Medway football and rugby teams.

And the name itself was originally bestowed to honour the town where so many historic warships were built and based.

Over the centuries the name HMS Chatham has been involved in conflicts ranging from the Napoleonic Wars to the American Civil War and more recent conflicts in Iraq.

The first such ship was captured by the navy during the Second Anglo-Dutch War of 1666 and survived just one year in service. The second, a four-gun sloop, did slightly better – launched in 1673 and wrecked four years later.

The third HMS Chatham was a 50-gun ship launched on October 20, 1691, at Chatham Dockyard. In 1705 it captured the French 60-gun vessel Auguste, which the British then took into service.

The ship underwent a re-



ADVENTURE: Centre: the 18th century HMS Chatham, top is today's incarnation of the name

build in 1721 and served until 1749, when it was sunk as a breakwater off the coast of Sheerness, before being raised once again and broken up.

Another HMS Chatham was a four-gun survey brig launched in 1788, part of George Vancouver's expedition of the Pacific Northwest coast and circumnavigated the globe.

The 11th ship to bear the name started life as the Royal-Hollandais and was planned as a 74-gun vessel for the French Navy. However in 1809 while still under construction in Flushing – now Belgium – the British seized the town. The timbers were taken to Woolwich Dockyard and work on the ship resumed under a different name.

The poor quality timber used in the ship's construction limited its usefulness, although at one time it was the flagship of Rear-Admiral Matthew Scott who commanded the North Sea Fleet. At the end of the Napoleonic Wars in 1850, this particular incarnation of the name was laid up at Chatham Dockyard before being sold to be broken up to a man named Joshua Crystall for £5,110.

Another chequered career

was that of the 13th HMS Chatham. This was an iron paddlewheel gunboat launched in 1835 and after brief service, exported to the US. At the outbreak of the American Civil War the ship was put into service by the rebel confederacy – the southern states which broke away from the Union.

Used to attempt to run the federal US blockade of southern ports and operating from Savannah, Georgia, the ship was captured by the USS Huron on December 16, 1863. It was then immediately pressed into service by the military of US president Abraham Lincoln – and renamed USS Chatham.

It transported men and supplies throughout the remainder of the war, providing support to the South Atlantic Blockading Squadron – its former direct opponents – charged with cutting the Confederacy off from overseas sources of supply.

The penultimate HMS Chatham was a Town Class light cruiser launched in 1911 and lent to the navy in New Zealand.

The latest version, pennant number F87, became the first British ship to fire its guns in the American-led invasion of Iraq when it engaged targets on the Al-Faw Peninsula in the south in support of advancing Royal Marines.

Other notable deployments include acting as escort to the Royal Yacht Britannia during the hand-over of Hong Kong to the Chinese in 1997, helping with humanitarian relief after the Asian Tsunami of 2004 and hosting the BBC for the show Shipmates.

The ship is currently being examined by would-be purchasers, but no price tag has been named by the Royal Navy.



suddenly everything clicks

www.ashford.gov.uk/online

Why wait in a queue?
ashford.gov.uk is your council - online
Pay - Report - Apply

Advertiser's Announcement

Is this your dream kitchen?

M B K Design Studio
Est 1987

So you are looking for a new kitchen or bathroom. Where do you go? Who do you talk to? Who is the best? Where will you get the best value?

To be honest I admit I don't know.

Your choices should not be defined by your budget, whatever amount you want to spend, it is your hard earned money and you should spend it where you are comfortable and confident that you are getting true value for money.

So who should you give your hard earned income to, do you trust them, do they have your best interests at heart, are they interested in your problems, can they provide the solution, do you like them?



Do they really understand how it all fits together, will they see you right through to the end, do you feel confident?

Are the big multiples the right answer, they are big, they are secure, like MFI, they have lots of displays, they appear cheap but some of their ranges are more expensive than many independent manufacturers, do they have much choice though? Do they have fitters who are vetted individually? Does the salesman understand the installation process can he solve your particular problem?

The independents are really the best people to talk to, Entrepreneurs who build business based on repeat and referral business, who have showrooms and can provide you with a vast array of product, most of them not the franchises, and who understand the whole process from the moment you walk in their door to the moment the last piece of dust is cleaned up in your house.



They need you to be happy to build their business, do the large multiples?

Our next job is reliant on our last job and that has been like that for 25 years.

You need to talk to someone who knows the whole industry, who understands how the components fit together and if your dreams are realistic. Then look no further with years of experience in surveying, supplying and project managing over 3000 projects I would love to help you, no job is too small call me or visit our showrooms and get a service from a man who knows.

Call us to make your dreams a reality.

01622 619875

www.m-b-k.co.uk

Heath Road, Coxheath, Maidstone ME17 4PB

Comment & Opinion

for more pictures and news go to www.kentnews.co.uk

OPINION

The hidden problem of booze

MP for Chatham and Aylesford **Tracey Crouch** on the health issues at stake when we regularly relax at home with a glass or more of wine

LIKE most working women, I like to have a glass of wine or two after work with dinner. And so what, you may think?

I don't drink to excess, vomit in the street or have so much that I'm hungover the next day. On the face of it then, like many other working women, I have no cause for concern when it comes to alcohol consumption. Sadly, and perhaps surprisingly, the evidence suggests there is a serious issue.

While alcohol consumption by women has increased steadily since the 1960s, there are a large number of women in professional roles who are drinking up to double the amount than that of women on lower incomes each week. Whether this is a result of changes in social attitudes to women drinking, more money to spend, or the pressures of the workplace, it is clear this is having a significant and damaging impact on their health.

Among women, deaths from alcohol-related conditions like liver disease, cancer and heart disease increased by 20 per cent over the last decade, including here in the south east.

For women in higher professional roles, deaths increased by 23 per cent, and for those in intermediate occupations, such as those employed in secretarial roles and other skilled work, the increase in deaths amounted to a frightening 47 per cent.

In my own constituency, the number of women admitted to hospital as a result of alcohol abuse increased from 577 in 2008/9 to 710 in 2011/12 – a statistic replicable across Kent.

A woman drinking in excess of 35 units a week is classed as a harmful drinker, which is around half a bottle of wine a night – here in the south east, one in 10 admit to drinking five days or more a week. This might not seem like a lot after a long stressful day, but if sus-

tained over a period of time, the impact this level of consumption has on a person's health – which may not be immediately obvious – could be dramatic.

There is no silver bullet that can solve the issues surrounding harmful levels of drinking.

Of course, services specialising in intensive residential intervention and rehabilitation need to be there for those who require it, such as the Kenward Trust in west Kent. But these are expensive programmes for dependent drinkers and so maybe we need to focus efforts on those who are at a stage of harm before addiction.

There is a strong link between alcohol consumption and price. The Government is considering introducing a 45p minimum unit price for alcohol as part of its alcohol strategy, which it is estimated would result in a reduction of harmful consumption by women drinkers of over six per cent.



6699

There is no silver bullet that can solve the issues around harmful levels of drinking

A minimum unit price of 45p will not impact on the price of a pint or glass of wine in a pub, but research shows it will make some harmful drinkers think twice about buying stronger and cheaper alcohol.

However, a minimum unit price will not necessarily impact on all working women, which is why making people aware of the harm alcohol can do must be the first step – the vast majority of women may not even realise they are drinking to harmful levels.

There is no simple answer to this, nor is this a women-only problem, but the increase in alcohol-related deaths, addictions and diseases is stark.

It is not for Government to intervene on my or anyone else's drinking habits, but maybe it can make it a little less accessible and for those who do decline into dependency, the right programmes need to be in place to help.

KOS COMMENT

Culture bid could be the one to put us on the map

OVER the years there has been many a pledge from the county's great and good about "putting Kent on the map".

Some projects have worked, others perhaps not.

But this latest scheme, the bid to become the UK City of Culture, if successful, is one of those that would definitely do just this.

Such a prestigious title would not only open up the delights of east Kent to the rest of the UK, but word would spread overseas to tourists – and businesses – coming to this country. It would certainly renew the sense of pride we feel about where we live.

Let's all get behind this bid and shout from the rooftops as to why we should be the ones bestowed the great honour.

Get behind the Hop Farm

IT'S sad news when any business goes under but perhaps even sadder when a tourist attraction as popular as the Hop Farm finds itself in difficulties.

Over the years, it has been one of the foremost venues when considering a day out. But, like so many others, it has found times tough. Let us hope it bounces back.

Home...

...or away, you're protected & connected with your Siemens IP system - dial in from your smartphone wherever you are*

Our alarm systems come with a 3 year warranty, and **5 years for Kent on Sunday readers

*subject to broadband connection ** terms and conditions apply

HOWFIELD
SECURITY & FIRE



01227
458999

3 Simmonds Road • Wincheap • Canterbury • CT1 3RA

01227 458999

www.howfield.com



Feedback

Letters/emails/twitter

Dunes at Greatstone
by Colin Brotherwood



IMAGES OF KENT

To see your photo printed here, email editorial@kosmedia.co.uk, or post it to Archant KOS Media, Images of Kent, Apple Barn, Hythe Rd, Smeth, Ashford TN25 6SS. We cannot return prints, and please do not send negatives. Digital images must be no less than 200dpi.

Independence is for the rich

I read with interest the letter in this newspaper from Cllr Ian Driver espousing the virtues of being an independent councillor and attacking political parties.

What the councillor did not tell your readers was that he was actually elected as a Labour councillor in a Labour ward but chose to resign his party membership and parade around as an independent.

He is correct that some people view such shenanigans with a degree of cynicism – if he wants to put some respect back into the political process he should have resigned his seat and fought a by-election under his new colours. Of course he won't do that as he knows what the outcome would be.

The other fact is that the electors of Thanet didn't vote for Ian Driver as some sort

of wonderful person but because ordinary Labour party members put hundreds of hours into knocking on doors, leafleting and paying for election materials to ensure they got a Labour councillor. Instead they got someone who didn't feel in any way accountable to them as a group.

The Labour party was founded by trade unionists and other working people to ensure ordinary folk had a voice in Parliament and on councils.

Driver's vision of independents running the show is one where those rich enough to prosper as individuals get elected and devil take the hindmost.

Mass politics requires political parties with manifestoes and democratically arrived at policies.

The Kent County Council elections coming up offer a serious choice about which party you want to run our services – sadly Ian Driver's

posturing is utterly irrelevant to that.

Keith Veness, Broadstairs

I don't believe in fox attacks

IT seems odd to me that for a second time a baby has been attacked by a fox entering a house. I have foxes in my garden and I leave out food for them every night.

I have cats, which sometimes sit next to the foxes while they eat. But as soon as I grab my camera to take a night picture of this Disney-like scene, the foxes see me and run off petrified.

The foxes do not interfere with my cats. In fact, one of my cats sometimes chases them away.

I am a bit suspect about all the publicity regarding this alleged fox attack.

Is this a concerted effort to demonise foxes in order to repeal the Hunting Act?

We are losing much of our

wildlife at an alarming rate and everything should be done to preserve the beautiful creatures that share our world and their habitats before it is too late.

Vivien Clifford, by email

Fan's favourite Gills line-up

MY Dad took me to see the Gills in 1957, so I was "sentenced" at an early age.

I'm still a season ticket holder, so I have seen the good times and quite a bit of bad.

As for the Gills team of the century, John Simpson is the best goalie I have ever seen... far superior to Ron Hillyard.

I do agree with Bruce and Hope.

Charlie Marks was one of my Dad's favourites.

Dennis Hunt was a crowd favourite because he was a bit of a thug, but David Peach has got to be the best left-back.

My midfield would be Andy Hessenthaler, Paul Smith

and Alec Farrell (Alec was pure class).

The last three places would have to be Ade Akinbiyi, Bob Taylor and John Meredith, defenders hated playing against Akinbiyi and there was a period before Taylor was sold to Man City when he could do no wrong. Meredith was such a classy left-sided player in the 60s.

Substitutes would be Yeo, Asaba, Ashby, Jarvis, Rackstraw, Patterson, Hillyard.

Mick Long, by email

Roads need to be even safer

I WAS interested in Terry Hudson's comments that it could not be proved that the provision of speed cameras caused a reduction in road accidents.

However, it will be interesting to know what could reduce road accidents and most studies show that speed increases the risk of fatalities

and serious injuries, which is one of the reasons why the highway code shows both thinking and braking time.

Does Mr Hudson have any evidence to show that whilst professional bodies such as the Chartered Institute of Transport and Logistics accept this, that they are wrong?

If not, how does he suggest that we should be able to reduce accidents? 20 mile an hour limits in built up areas would save lives.

There are now gadgets which can show who was driving and this might prevent disqualified drivers being at the wheel, which certainly in my area has caused fatal accidents in the past.

Perhaps Mr Hudson can think of other ways of saving people's lives, or is he part of the autocracy which believes in the worship of the car?

Would it also be helpful, particularly in rural areas, to have better footpaths and pavements to prevent people being injured?

Perhaps motorists who are guilty of dangerous driving should have appropriate punishments such as having to work in A&E departments so that they can see the problems which they cause.

David Spurling, Sittingbourne

Badger cull is not the answer

PUBLIC opinion polls routinely show decisive opposition to the badger cull.

In October, MPs voted to abandon the cull by 147 to just 28 votes. Eminent scientists, such as Professor John Bourne and Lord John Krebs, have spoken out against the cull, while wildlife experts, Sir David Attenborough and Chris Packham, also oppose it.

The Government defines bovine TB as 'an infectious disease of cattle'. Better on-farm welfare, tighter biosecurity and stricter cattle movement controls are the key to combating it.

To protect badgers from this disease – and to prevent them passing it back to cows – vaccination can be usefully employed, as is the case in Wales. Why won't the government listen to scientific experts and to public opinion? Where is the democracy?

Kate Fowler, head of campaigns, Animal Aid, Tonbridge

ARCHANT } KOS MEDIA...WOULD LIKE TO HEAR YOUR VIEWS



Write to: KOS Feedback
Apple Barn, Smeth, Ashford TN25 6SS



Email:
editorial@kosmedia.co.uk



Online:
www.kentnews.co.uk



Twitter:
[@kosmedia](https://twitter.com/kosmedia)

Please include your name and address, although these will be withheld in exceptional circumstances. Please also include your daytime telephone number for verification (this will not be published). We reserve the right to edit letters.

Publisher: Simon Irwin
Editor: Chris Britcher
Address: Apple Barn, Smeth, Kent TN25 6SS
Editorial: Telephone 01303 817100;
Fax 01303 817002;
Email editorial@kosmedia.co.uk
Advertising:
Telephone 01303 817150;
Fax 01303 817001;
Email sales@kosmedia.co.uk

ARCHANT } KOS MEDIA

© 2011 Archant KOS Media
Printed by Newsfax

Inside this week

Food & Drink 38

The Dove takes flight for a superb night of food and drink
Television star
 Great British Bake Off star Paul Hollywood bags his own show

Leisure 37, 39-41

King Lear stops off on international tour
 Youngsters develop their balance in bicycle contest


Business Week 45-47

High streets
 A total re-imagining is called for to keep high streets alive
 Small firms need support to grow international contracts

Driving 49-62

Dacia unveils the latest budget buy for discerning drivers
Motability
 Ensure your transport freedom with our essential supplement

 By **JOE BILL**

MUCH more than a man of many voices, Alistair McGowan is keen to remind people of his talents – and not just his bread-and-butter impressions but his long-established stand-up skills.

More famous for the BAFTA Award-winning TV series *The Big Impression* in 2003, McGowan is venturing out on the road for only the second time in 10 years on the *Not Just A Pretty Voice* tour.

"I did a lot of stand-up years ago. But I don't think people ever knew that because before our TV programme was aired there weren't many stand-up shows like *Live At The Apollo* that you could be on. They've all emerged after *The Big Impression*, so many people don't really know about the generation

'There are lots of impressions and lots of jokes and a little bit of my opinions about the world'

of comedians who did stand-up before."

McGowan is notorious for portraying modern-day celebrities, pop stars and sports stars. His teaming up with Ronni Ancona to deliver an impersonation of Posh and Becks is still regarded as a classic of its kind.

"I did a tour about three years ago – that was my first ever – and I learned a lot of lessons on it. This is five times better – I feel it's the best material I've ever done as a stand-up for 24 years.

"There are lots of impressions and lots of jokes and a little bit of my opinions about the world."

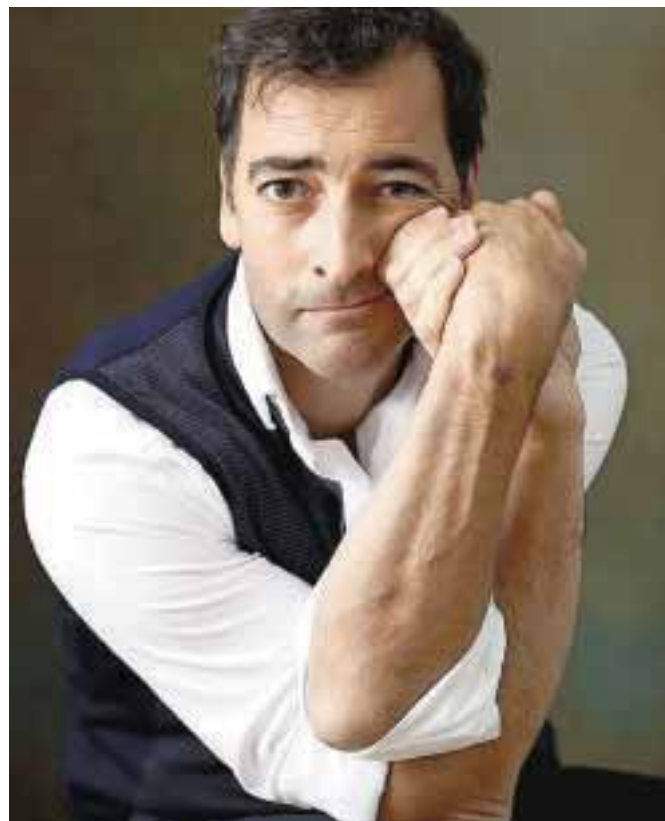
McGowan, 48, is well known for his political support for the Green Party and his strong views on the environment, but he tends to steer away from affairs of state in his comedy.

He said: "It's not a satire. I'm not Rory Bremner and I never have been. People seem to get confused about that. They think that if you're an impressionist, because of the history of Rory and Mike Yarwood, that we are all about political satire.

"But people like Phil Cool and Bobby Davro and myself are more there to use our jokes through the impressions."

However, McGowan doesn't refrain from using the voice or character of some of the UK's most well-recognised political personalities.

"There's a routine I do at the moment which is possibly the most political thing I've ever done. It's about Michael Portillo and that trains programme. I was watching it and I thought it was strange how everywhere he goes, he turns up with



Alistair makes a good impression

The funnyman talks about his excitement at returning to stand-up... and not satire

his little book and is really surprised that all the industry has died out in these cities. When he asks people about it they just say 'Yeah, it came to an end'.

"My line is that there is a scene that they film that gets cut out every time with the person saying 'Well, it was your government, Michael. You sent everything out to the Far East to make things cheaper. Now we're paying for it doubly because we've got to buy things from them and nobody has any money because nobody's got any work – the towns are crumbling around us and there's lots of social unrest and it all comes back to you, mate!' People have enjoyed it, so I'm very pleased."

McGowan uses TV shows and famous characters for his jokes, but he also has his own opinions voiced through one of his many impressions.

He said: "There is another that I just thought up about the Government announcing that they want to build on green-belt land. They said they want to build 50,000 homes in 20 years, which is a town the size of Slough. And I just thought, well, you want to build somewhere like Slough, why don't you knock down Slough and build on that."

"I did that joke as myself and it works, but then I told it as Andy Parsons and it went up four or five times in terms of how successful it was. It suits his rhythm and that's important."

McGowan heads to both Quarterhouse in Folkestone and the Trinity Theatre in Tunbridge Wells as part of his tour in April.

"Another lesson I learned last time is that I tried to do as many dates in as short a space of time as possible, but,

because I don't drive, it becomes about whether the trains work from one place to the next.

"This time I have got fewer dates, so when I come to Kent, and because I don't go there very often, I'm hoping to stay a couple of nights and enjoy it. My girlfriend will come with me and we don't have children, so we can just stay on there and have a really good look at a place, which is really nice."

McGowan is also a keen sports fan and uses a number of stars in his array of impressions, but it was a chance to work at Wimbledon during the 2011 tournament that captured his sporting heart.

"I'd worked for a producer from a football show and he knew I was mad-keen on tennis and he said to go help with their coverage. And I did – it was a dream come true, really. I went every day. I've always wanted to."

"Seeing all the players close up was brilliant. There was a funny story there, though. They had me on Court Two for a couple of days. And on Court Two there was a massive scoreboard, like there are on the show courts. So I started writing down the scores so when they came to me on air I would have it ready. But then I thought there was no need to take it down because there was the scoreboard in front of me."

"When they finally came to me, I said a few things about what had been happening in the match and read out a few gags and then I looked up to read out the score. The players were changing ends, so scores from the other matches around the tournament were being shown. So I guessed at it. I learned that lesson very early on. I don't think I'll be doing it again – I'm not really sure how successful it was."

McGowan was also part of the team that produced *Spitting Image* in the 80s and 90s. Did he think it might return to our screens?

"I'd be very surprised to see it come back. There might be a different style of doing it, like a show called 2D TV, which used computerised images."

"I asked a friend and he said 'Well, if you think of a stand-up show like *Live At The Apollo*, you've got three comics – each one has a small set, a microphone and a huge number of people in the audience. To do *Spitting Image* topically you have 15 script-writers, caricaturists, puppet-makers, plus the voice-over artists and directors. It's not the same as pointing a camera at a comedian and saying go."

"It was an expensive show to make and sadly that doesn't happen any more. Having said that, if it did come back, I would love to do it again."

■ Alistair McGowan plays Folkestone's Quarterhouse on Friday, April 5. Buy tickets from www.quarterhouse.co.uk or phone 01303 858500.

He will then be at Trinity Theatre in Tunbridge Wells on Friday, April 12; buy tickets from www.trinitytheatre.net or by phoning 01892 678678.

Weekender

Features team

Editor: **Dave Mairs**
dave.mairs@archant.co.uk
 Tel: 01303 817022

Joe Bill
joe.bill@archant.co.uk
 Tel: 01303 817048



Follow us
@KOSLeisure or
<http://www.kentnews.co.uk/leisure>

HEAR US ON

heart

Check out
our new
Mobile App
For Shuttle
Service

TEXT
Shuttle
to 80012

AIRPORT CONNECTIONS

START YOUR JOURNEY WITH US!



SHUTTLE SERVICE

Gatwick and Heathrow daily for only

£40

SINGLE PER PERSON

£75

RETURN PER PERSON

Collection times from:

2am • 4am • 9am • 1pm



£65

2 PEOPLE SINGLE

£120

2 PEOPLE RETURN

NO DRAMA
NO HASSLE
NO FUSS
NO STRESS
NO PARKING



PICK UP POINTS

- MARGATE
- RAMSGATE
- BROADSTAIRS
- BIRCHINGTON
- WESTGATE
- SANDWICH
- DEAL
- DOVER
- FOLKESTONE
- HERNE BAY
- WHITSTABLE
- FAVERSHAM
- CANTERBURY
- ASHFORD

Check out our new
Mobile App for
Shuttle Service
TEXT Shuttle
to 80012 or scan in
the QR code below



RETURN FROM
HEATHROW

08.00 • 10.00
15.00 • 19.00

RETURN FROM
GATWICK

08.45 • 10.45
15.45 • 19.45



01843 823007
01843 823700

For more information on our services go to:
www.connections4you.net

YOUR WEEKEND

Follow us @KOSLeisure #KOSWeekender
or <http://www.kentnews.co.uk/leisure>



To be included on this page, please email
features@kosmedia.co.uk

International singer is a woman of the world

CLAUDIA Aurora is bringing her powerful voice and the Portuguese folk-blues style of fado to the forthcoming Equator festival.

The fadista and songwriter from Oporto, Portugal, is performing at St Mary's Church in Ashford on Saturday, March 16, at 7.30pm as part of the festival's Women Of The World event.

Her debut album *Silêncio* is the first collection of original fado songs to be recorded in the UK since the great Portuguese fado diva Amália Rodrigues recorded at Abbey Road Studios in 1952.

It preceded a sell-out six-date UK tour. Aurora moved to Bristol in 2003 and built a reputation as a stunning live performer before moving to London early last year.

Tickets are priced at £12 (concessions £9 and children £3) when booking online at www.equatorfestival.com or via Ashford Visitor Information Centre on 01233 330316.



The Bard's troupe is heading to Margate with 'new' King Lear

By Greg Miles

greg.miles@archant.co.uk

SHAKESPEARE'S Globe's travelling troupe returns to Theatre Royal Margate with a new production of *King Lear*.

The title role will be played by Joseph Marcell, best known as playing butler Geoffrey alongside Hollywood star Will Smith in the television series *The Fresh Prince Of Bel-Air*.

He was last at the Globe in the 2011 production of *Much Ado About Nothing*. Joining him as Gloucester is New Zealand stage and screen actor Rawiri Paratene, star of the Oscar-nominated film *Whale Rider*.

It is a great chance to see the ultimate Shakespearian tragedy in the beautiful setting of the Theatre Royal – one of the oldest theatres in England.

Old *King Lear*, weary of royal duties, proposes to break up his kingdom and divide it among his three daughters.

However, this rash generosity is cruelly repaid and Lear discovers too late the false values by which he has lived – and is ultimately plunged into despair and madness.

Shot through with touches of humour

and moments of heart-rending simplicity, *King Lear* is a deep artistic exploration of the human condition.

The artistic director of Shakespeare's Globe, Dominic Dromgoole, said: "Our tours have proved hugely successful at refreshing and revitalising Shakespeare's plays, so you don't only see Lear, but Lear as if brand new. We can promise an exciting and vibrant experience."

Using an Elizabethan-style booth stage, inspired by paintings and etchings from Shakespeare's time, when touring was prevalent, eight actors will visit inspiring settings across the UK, Europe and Asia with this scaled-down production.

After leaving Margate, the show heads east to Turkey, where it will be performed at one of Istanbul's most iconic Byzantine churches, the Aya Irini, which dates from 548AD.

Tickets are £20 or £15 (restricted view). For more information and to book, visit www.theatreroyalargate.com or phone 01843 926111 or 01843 292795

The performance of *King Lear* runs from Thursday to Saturday, April 18-20, starting at 7.30pm.



HE'S THE KING: Joseph Marcell is taking on the title role

Kent BRIDE Magazine 2013 issue - on sale NOW



- Plan your dream wedding
- Packed with inspirational ideas
- Featuring Real Life Wedding Stories from Kent brides
- Competitions
- The finest venues in Kent
- Plus stunning bridal gowns, flowers, cakes, guest fashion, entertainment, groom dress hire and much more!

Kent BRIDE is on sale now at all good retail outlets or call 01303 817072 to order for home delivery.

You can order your copy online by visiting: www.buyamag.co.uk/kentbride

ARCHANT } KOS MEDIA

FOOD & DRINK

Flavours of Kent

To be included on this page, please email
features@kosmedia.co.uk

A superb night of food and fun gives The Dove wings

IT'S rare for a British pub not to be packed to the rafters with a rich history. Tales of ghosts, old tyrannical landlords, high-profile customers... even those whose upstairs rooms may have been put to another use.

There is, though, a new tale to be told at The Dove in Dargate. Chef patron Phill McGregor started his culinary journey at the rural pub years ago before heading to London to learn his trade under a number of top chefs.

His return to The Dove bred countless reports of great food in a great location... it was time to try it for myself. The Dove remains very much a village pub with its classical-looking bar, pictures of previous owners on the walls and a warm stove fire. The atmosphere is buzzy and the tables in the nooks and crannies merge the bar area and restaurant together seamlessly.

We were handed a couple of home-cooked breads and delicious butter before our starters, for which I chose smoked haddock and macaroni topped with Parmesan with poached duck egg.

Served in a mini cast-iron skillet, the delicate flavours were far lighter than a usual pasta. The strong taste of the haddock was delicious and worked well alongside the creamy macaroni. The egg had been cooked to perfection.

My guest, a chef, went for the chicken liver and foie gras parfait topped with pea shoots and

RESTAURANT REVIEW



served with sourdough toast and pineapple chutney. The dish was presented well, with the parfait arriving in a ball carved with an ice-cream scoop. It was a nice piece of individuality and a quick taste delivered the rich, creamy texture.

For mains I chose the eight-hour-braised ox-cheek with savoy cabbage, carrots and puree potato. The tender ox-cheek, cooked in red wine, fell apart enticingly on contact with the fork and was a real pleasure to eat.

It was amazing to devour two traditionally-heavy courses that included both pasta and

potato and still feel comfortably full. My guest went for the confit duck leg served with puy lentils and a creamy potato gratin. He complimented both the seasoning and the south-west France influence, but it was the cleared plate that spoke of le magnifique flavours.

For dessert I opted for the chocolate fondant served with cardamom ice-cream. Our waiter informed us that all the ice-creams served at The Dove were made in-house, which was particularly impressive when my guest's classic crème brûlée came out with plum-pudding ice-cream. It was another nice touch, with the pub situated on Plum Pudding Lane in Dargate.

Both desserts were very good. There was also a nice gap between courses in which to enjoy a great atmosphere. In short, this was one of the best meals I've had in some time.

The bill, including drinks and a service charge, came to £84.45. The whole evening seemed all very simple but with a touch of personality here and there to set it apart from the rest. Time really does fly when you're having fun at The Dove.

Joe Bill

■ The Dove
Plum Pudding Lane, Dargate ME13 9HB
(telephone 01227 751360;
website www.doveatdargate.co.uk)

New boss to oversee Hotel Du Vin team

PHILIP Archer has been appointed the new general manager at the popular Tunbridge Wells Hotel du Vin.

He joins the Hotel du Vin group from South Lodge Hotel in West Sussex, having started at The Montagu Arms Hotel with its Michelin-starred restaurant in the New Forest.

He said: "I am delighted to have joined the Hotel Du Vin in Tunbridge Wells – it is a hotel that has been a personal favourite of mine. This really is a fantastic property with a great team and I look forward to exciting times ahead."

The hotel on Crescent Road is known for its good food and well-stocked wine cellars. Visit www.hotelduvin.com for more information.

A taste of Hollywood comes to the BBC

KENT celebrity bread-maker Paul Hollywood will star in his own solo series following the success of BBC's The Great British Bake-Off.

The baker, whose Artisan Bread Company is in Aylesham, will host the new show, which airs on BBC Two from Monday, March 18.

Hollywood was quoted as saying: "I've been all over the country looking into the history of bread... most of the cakes before the 1820s were made with yeast and it wasn't until the introduction of raising agents that you got the light, fluffy cake that we prize today."

Hollywood starred alongside Mary Berry in The Great British Bake-Off, which proved a huge ratings success.

The Marquis

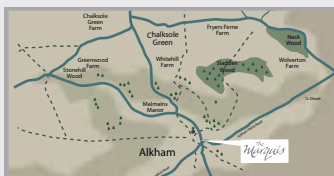
RESTAURANT WITH ROOMS

WHY NOT STAY THE NIGHT ?

20% OFF OUR GASTRONOMIC EXPERIENCE

Our Gastronomic package includes 1/2 bottle of Champagne, 2 x 6 course tasting menu with sommelier matched wines and Bed & full English breakfast.

Get 20% of the package price when you stay during March 2013. Package prices before discount start from £ 299 per couple.



01304 873410

Alkham Valley Road,
Alkham, Dover,
Kent CT15 7DF

www.themarquisatalkham.co.uk



Award Winning

YOUR WEEKEND

Follow us @KOSLeisure #KOSWeekender
or <http://www.kentnews.co.uk/leisure>



To be included on this page, please email
features@kosmedia.co.uk

Concert can create cross-Channel harmony

By Greg Miles

greg.miles@archant.co.uk

AN ANGLO-FRENCH collaboration will mark the second event of the Deal Festival of Music and Arts Spring series next weekend.

More than 100 musicians from the Caliband and l'Orchestre d'Harmonie 'L'Esperance' de Neufchatel-Hardelot will join together to perform the UK premiere of Asian Sunrise conducted by Fabrice Bouchez, which was originally composed for the 2012 Cultural Olympiad.

The project, called Symbiosis, invited Jean-Philippe Vanbeselaere from Omer in France, winner of national and international awards for his work, to write a piece that joined the music of a wind band

Picture: MICHEL DUMONT



IN TUNE:

French wind musicians will be joining forces with the string ensemble for Deal Festival

with the strings of a symphony orchestra.

The Caliband is Deal Festival's string ensemble, which has grown from strength to strength since its formation last year. It comprises amateur musicians of all ages and the highest standard and combines with a professional string quartet.

They will perform Tchaikovsky's Serenade, premiered in 1880 and described as one of the late romantic era's most definitive compositions. They will also perform Adagio For Strings by Samuel Barber and Chick Corea's Spain.

The concert is taking place at St George's Church in the town on

Saturday, March 16, at 7.30pm.

Tickets, priced at £12, or £5 for students, are available from Astor Community Theatre, Deal, on 01304 370220, at www.theastor.org, or from Willie Cooper on 01227 786111.

Visit www.dealfestival.co.uk to find out more information.

FAB FOUR



MAC Theatre, K College, Tonbridge
Wednesday, April 3, 8pm

Website: www.k-venue.co.uk

Email: kvenue@kcollege.ac.uk

Larkin Poe: The folk-Americana outfit are playing Tonbridge during their UK tour. The video for the single I Believe In Love has been a huge YouTube hit. Tickets £12 (concessions £10).



Fairfax Gallery, Tunbridge Wells
Friday, April 26, to Tuesday, May 14

Phone: 01892 525525

Email: andrew@fairfaxgallery.com

Adam Hargreaves: Roger Hargreaves created the Mister Men, and his son Adam has taken on that legacy. This exhibition, however, features his landscape work. Free entry to the gallery.



Tower Theatre, Shorncliffe
Thursday, March 14

Web: www.towertheatrefolkestone.co.uk

Phone: 01303 277175

British jazz: Tribute to Art Blakey and the Jazz Messengers. The line-up includes trumpeter Steve Fishwick, trombonist Geoff Mason and sax-man Kelvin Christiane. Tickets £10.



St Lawrence's Church, Sidcup

Saturday, April 20, 8pm

Web: www.bexleyphoenixchoir.org.uk

Phone: 07831 201933

Bexley Concert Choir: A concert featuring both sacred and secular music, including Bach's If Thou Art Near. Tickets £6 (children and students £3); either by phone (above) or on the door.



Young and tempted by theatre? This is your chance...

PROMISING young thespians have the chance to get to grips with theatre life thanks to an Easter workshop being held in Thanet.

Graville Theatre Arts in Ramsgate is hosting the four-day workshop for children to learn about performing, dancing, singing, drama and percussion.

Part of the course caters for

children who might not enjoy performing but are interested in the technical behind-the-scenes activities of a stage production such as lighting, sound and special effects.

The course will end with a performance taking place on the final day.

It is open for youngsters aged four

to 18 and costs £60 per child.

It takes place from Monday to Thursday, April 8-11, from 10am to 4pm, with the Thursday-evening performance starting at 6pm at the Granville Theatre in Victoria Parade, Ramsgate.

For more information, you can phone Trudi on 01843 855000 or email trudi.granville@gmail.com.



An intimate venue nestled on the Bay of Sandwich, offering stunning views across the English Channel and over to the White Cliffs of Ramsgate with dining in our award winning two rosette restaurant.

The Brasserie on the Bay is now available for Lunch

Come and try our 2 Course Table d'hôte lunch menu from £12.50 or 3 Courses from £16.50.

Available Monday to Saturday from 12.00pm

Visit www.thelodgeatprinces.co.uk or call +44 (0) 1304 897824

Email: reservations@thelodgeatprinces.co.uk



The Lodge at Prince's, Sandwich Bay, Sandwich, Kent CT13 9QB



YOUR WEEKEND

Follow us @KOSLeisure #KOSWeekender
or <http://www.kentnews.co.uk/leisure>To be included on this page, please email
features@kosmedia.co.uk

Delve into the Astor years at Hever Castle

By Greg Miles

greg.miles@archant.co.uk

Hever Castle is celebrating a triple anniversary with a special exhibition.

This year marks 50 years since it opened its doors to the public, 110 years since the American multi-millionaire William Waldorf Astor bought it and 30 years since the Hever Estate was bought by the Guthrie family.

In recognition of the landmarks, the castle has opened an exhibition to rejoice in the legacy of the Astor years.

Lady Astor was invited to cut the ribbon and open the exhibition by Richard Guthrie, whose family own Hever Castle and gardens.

The interactive exhibition in the castle's Astor Suite brings the Upstairs, Downstairs years vividly to life.

Letters and photographs tell of the castle's restoration and creation of the magnificent gardens.

Visitors can interact with everyday objects such as telephones and radios, listen to interviews with former below-stairs staff and watch the Astor family's collection of home movies.

One film from 1928 shows the annual Hever Day, when 2,000 staff from

The Times newspaper would arrive from London for a day out.

Astor moved from America to England in 1891 with a reputed \$100 million (the equivalent of at least 10 times that amount today) after declaring that America was no longer a fit place for a gentleman to live.

He bought Hever in 1903 and employed an incredible 748 craftsmen to restore it to its former glory, adding the Tudor-style village to accommodate visiting family, guests and domestic staff.

Astor brought in all the comforts of Edwardian life and was among the first country-house-owners to install bathrooms with modern plumbing, electricity and central heating.

Astor's younger son, John Jacob V, succeeded to the ownership in 1919. A medal-winning Olympian, he became an MP in 1922, the same year in which he bought The Times. In 1963, he opened the castle to the public to raise money for its upkeep.

Gavin Astor, 2nd Baron of Hever, inherited Hever Castle in 1971. Devastating floods on top of rising maintenance and running costs eventually forced him to sell the castle and its 3,000-acre estate in the early 80s.



Artist sketches out a stunning exhibition

A SET of life-like pencil drawings is to go on display at a Wrotham hotel and restaurant.

Victoria Andrew will have 11 of her pieces on show at the 600-year-old Bull Hotel in Wrotham from Good Friday, March 29.

The self-taught mother-of-two specialises in pencil drawings on painted boards, capturing the heart and soul of her favourite subjects – children and animals.

"I am delighted to have my work on display," she said. "Drawing is a hobby for me and I am continually busy with commissions from clients' favourite photographs. I am often told my drawings are the talking piece of a family home."

Her work will be on display until the end of the year, and to coincide with that the hotel is offering customers 10 per cent off a two-course meal. See www.originalsinpencil.co.uk to download the offer-voucher.



At Mercure Hythe Imperial Hotel & Spa

Sunday 24th March 2013

11am-4pm Free Entry

Witness some of the finest local wedding specialists

Experience the grandeur of the Marston suite and the stunning seaviews

Meet our experienced wedding planner

See everything you may possibly need for your big day

- ♥ With complimentary bubbly & canapés on arrival
- ♥ Take home a free copy of Kent Bride



www.mercurehytheimperial.co.uk

Mercure Hythe Imperial Hotel, Princes Parade, Hythe, Kent CT21 6AE • e: h6862-sb@accor.com • t: 01303 267441

HOLIDAY HOMES FOR SALE

at seaside park on Isle of Sheppey, Kent. Sited and ready to move in for 2013 season. Great facilities, entertainment and beach close by. Must be seen.

from
£4995

Call Kevin
07740 247 487 or 01795 511 522

A STUNNING CARAVAN FOR SALE

35ft x 12ft, 2007 model, sited at Winchelsea Sands. New 10½ month season. Bar, entertainment, heated pool and 400 yards from beach.

£14,250 ovno
inc 2013 pitch fees

Call Dean 07711 335 386



Red Lion

Circa 1364
Crockham Lane, Hernhill, Kent, ME13 9JR

Sunday Lunch
12pm to 8pm

Choose from a selection of meats including pork, lamb, and beef, served with all the trimmings.

One course £10.50
Two courses £13.50 and
Three courses £15.50

Kids Easter Egg Hunt Coming up

Steak Night

Two for £26.95 INCLUDING WINE

Book in advance to avoid disappointment




01227 751207 www.theredlion.org

To advertise in this section



01303 817150

YOUR WEEKEND

Follow us @KOSLeisure #KOSWeekender
or <http://www.kentnews.co.uk/leisure>



To be included on this page, please email
features@kosmedia.co.uk



A dark evening at the Astor

FANS of Gothic are set for a treat with a play coming to Deal's Astor Community Theatre.

The Gothic Female, the tale of a haunted woman who tells tales of the macabre, will play at the Astor on the evening of Friday, March 22.

Adapted and performed by Rebecca Vaughan and directed by Guy Masterson, the audience will discover an artist gripped by the clutching fingers of a dead past, a scientist defying nature in the dark realm of the senses and an expectant father driven mad by creeping shadows.

Dyad Productions creates, produces and tours classic theatre with an innovative and contemporary emphasis. This dark celebration of female Gothic drama is its fourth original production in as many years.

Tickets are priced at £12 and available from the Astor Community Theatre (phone 01304 370220, website www.theastor.org). The performance starts at 7.30pm.

Balance is the key to success for top tots

By Greg Miles

greg.miles@archant.co.uk

CYCLING toddlers will have the chance to show they are the best in the country on two wheels at a unique event at Gravesend's Cyclopark.

The multi-million-pound venue, which opened in May last year, will host the British Balance Bike Championship series on Sunday, July 21. Youngsters aged between 18 months and five years will race around the park's BMX track on balance-bikes made by Strider.

It is one of five qualifying events for the national finals, which take place in Manchester, where winners from each age group will be selected for the World Championships in Florida.

Melanie Thomas, organiser of the Strider British Balance Bike Championships, said: "Not only are we growing the capacity for Strider balance-bike races, but the new format has meant that the riders who do well in qualifying events will also ride in the finals and get the chance to win the UK's first-ever balance-bike series.

"Research has proven that balance-bikes significantly improve balance and coordination, which means that even our youngest riders can have a go.

"The Strider events are open to anyone, no matter their ability, and are designed to be exciting yet safe environments for children to explore



DEVELOPMENT: Balance-bikes are way ahead

and play on two wheels, with the added excitement of racing."

Weekly sessions have been taking place at Cyclopark for the last four months and are regularly fully booked.

You can visit www.stridercup.org for more information and to register.

FAB FOUR



Avenue Theatre, Sittingbourne
Friday, April 5, 7.45pm
Box office: 01795 471140

Website: www.avenuetheatre.co.uk

Silver Linings Playbook (15): After a stint in a mental institution, ex-teacher Pat Solitano moves back with his parents and tries to reconcile with his former wife. Stars Robert De Niro. Tickets £4.



St Mary's Arts Centre, Sandwich
Saturday, March 16, 7pm
Box office: 01304 617771

Email: a.lester@brave.biz

Luke Jackson: Benefit concert in aid of The Folk & Ale Festival 2013 with Jackson, a BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards double-nominee. Tickets £10, from The Admiral Owen, 8 High Street, Sandwich.



Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone
Saturday, March 16, 7.30pm
Box office: 0844 871 7677

Website: www.leascliffhall.co.uk

Hairy Bikers: Larger Than Live: TV chefs Dave Myers and Si King share their culinary expertise from around the world in a show full of food, comedy and the odd song. Tickets £25.



Godinton House and Gardens
Saturday, March 16, 9.30am-2.30pm
Phone: 01233 643854

Web: www.godinton-house-gardens.co.uk

Gardening workshops: Godinton head-gardener and Hadlow College lecturer Fiona Abrahams gives tips on spring pruning and garden tasks... it's a busy time of year. Tickets £55.

NEED A LOCAL TREE SURGEON?

Whatever you are looking for localsearch24.co.uk will help you find it

local search 24.co.uk your trusted local directory

National Apprenticeship Week

March 11-15, 2013

asbestos first

Please see our web site for all future opportunities
Training room...
ALMOST READY!

**asbestos needn't be your problem
- make it ours!**

- consultancy • sampling • surveying
- management • removal • disposal

tel: 01634 23 22 21
www.asbestosfirst.co.uk
enquiries@asbestosfirst.co.uk

We have moved
North Dane Way
Chatham, Kent
ME5 8YE

Fair Trade SA ABV arca HAS

WMCTraining

TAKE ON AN APPRENTICE TODAY!

WMCTraining are proud to assist small, medium and large companies enter into or enhance their experience of Apprenticeship recruitment.

We make it simple. In fact our model has been around for a while. You might have received a similar service from a brand name recruitment agency where you pay 14, 18, 22% of an annual salary for the privilege.

The major difference is that unlike an employment agency we won't charge you anything.

Instead we will find you the best, most talented young people out there to fill junior roles, prove their worth and grow with your business.

We advertise our Apprenticeship vacancies on all the jobs boards you'd expect: CV Library, Monster, Reed, Total Jobs to name a few. What else would you expect? However we won't charge you for this.

We will vet candidate CV's against your job description – again free of charge. We'll then interview them to be absolutely certain of sending you quality applicants.

Only once we are absolutely certain that we have the right candidates will we send you a top 2 – 5 applicants for your role.

WMCTraining are Proud Partners of Jace Training

Speak to us today on **01932 450050** for more details.
Or visit **www.wmctraining.co.uk/apprentice/**

Facebook LinkedIn RSS Twitter

Apprentices

Can you afford to be without one?

MidKent College is celebrating **National Apprenticeship Week** (11-15 March) by holding four informative events covering a variety of specialisms.

Medway Queen Open Day
Monday 11 March at 12pm
Gillingham Pier, Pier Approach Road, Gillingham ME7 1RX

Medway Campus Employers' Day
Tuesday 12 March at 9am
MidKent College, Medway Campus, Medway Road, Gillingham, ME7 1FN

Lab/Science Technician Info Day
Thursday 14 March at 12pm
Kent Science Park, Broad Oak Road, Sittingbourne, ME9 8AG

Maidstone Campus Employers' Day
Thursday 14 March at 9.30am
MidKent College, Maidstone Campus, Tonbridge Road, Maidstone, ME16 8AQ

Email **business.services@midkent.ac.uk** to register your interest for any of these events.

Join us on   

Business Services
at MidKent College

ns care ltd
nulli secundus
SECOND TO NONE

Recruit an Apprentice Today

With wages starting at £2.65 per hour and a chance to claim up to £1500 for each apprentice you employ, the business case starts here.

Apprenticeships are a great way to ensure your workforce has the practical skills and qualifications to meet the evolving needs of your business.

By employing an Apprentice you will be employing an eager, motivated, flexible and loyal member of staff that can plug the skills gap in your workforce with fresh, young talent.

All our applicants are pre-screened and put through a 2 week Employability Training workshop prior to going to interview so we can guarantee a work ready individual for your business.

You will gain full, on-going support from your personal Employer Engagement Officer.

We work around your needs to provide a hassle free approach to training and development.

Your Choice Your Apprenticeship Your Future

Kick start your career with one of our Tailored Apprenticeships:

- Team Leading & Management
- Business Administration
- Supporting Teaching & Learning
- Health & Social Care
- Customer Service
- Childcare
- Hospitality
- Housing

Apprenticeships are available to people of all ages, from school leavers to people who have many years of work experience.

An Apprenticeship is a nationally recognised programme combining real work with training and learning. You can earn while you learn and gain valuable experience within the sector of your choosing.

Contact us today:
info@nscare.co.uk | www.nscare.co.uk
LONDON: 020 8418 4900 | KENT: 01233 657 730
@NSCareLtd | facebook.co.uk/nscare

National Apprenticeship Week

March 11-15, 2013

Advertising feature

Pivotal role for pair at FosterCare UK

Two young adult apprentices joined independent fostering agency FosterCare UK in November 2012. Four months in, Hannah and Genna play a pivotal role within the social-work and business-development teams attracting, developing and supporting new foster-carers.

Based at Discovery Park in Sandwich, FosterCare UK is a dynamic and growing organisation. Almost 100 people work there, including staff, panel members, foster-carers and consultants – all specialising in the care of children and young people with complex and challenging needs.

As well as setting new standards in professional development for foster-carers, it strives to invest in the futures of young people – both those in its care and those now working as part of the team.

Taking on two apprentices fitted wholly with the fostering service's ethos, as Jonathan Toomey explained: "Being part of the county's apprenticeship scheme reinforces our mission to promote positive outcomes for all young people."



FAMILY MATTERS: FosterCare UK believes in quality placements based on careful matching of carers and young people

"The duo provide vital support to the operational and business administration team, the Registered Manager and social-work team in day-to-day administrative practice."

"In Hannah and Genna, we have found excellent support staff – they

are at the centre of operations resourcing our 'front desk'."

For FosterCare UK, finding and matching people with the right skills, experience and environment to the specific needs of the young people they place is paramount.

Jonathan said: "We believe in high-quality family placements based on careful matching between carers and young people."

For apprentice Hannah, being involved in recruiting and supporting new foster-carers is a bonus. "I get to

see all sides of the business and work alongside experienced staff to gain job-specific skills," she said.

"As well as admin tasks like uploading data and dealing with phone calls, I'm also helping with social media and marketing campaigns – I'm learning all the time."

Jonathan added: "Kent universities value the high-quality placements we offer, which provide students with real experience of social work within a dynamic and forward-thinking fostering agency."

Experienced foster-carers are needed to:

- Keep sibling groups together in the same home
- Support a teenager with challenging behaviours
- Assess a young parent and child to remain as a unit
- Move a child from residential care into a family setting
- Provide a stable place for a young person on remand

If you're interested in fostering, call 0844 800 1941 or email fostercareuk.co.uk. You can visit www.fostercareuk.co.uk or the Facebook site at FosterCare-UK.



EYES FORWARD: IPS International is active in a wide range of specialisms, including logistics and IT

IPS International on target

IPS International is a specialist organisation that can support apprentices training in a large number of fields and is always looking to assist both the trainee and the company that takes him or her under its wing.

These include engineering, manufacturing, transport, logistics, IT, glass and glazing, signmaking and health and safety.

Other areas in which the company can be of value are business administration, management, bookkeeping, accountancy and customer service.

Supporting National Apprenticeship Week, which runs from Monday to Friday, the company can help other businesses by offering a complete apprenticeship service – from recruitment to programme delivery.

IPS International says that to employ a new member of staff is of great benefit to the

individual and the business itself. Opportunities for existing members of staff can be increased and productivity will also go up thanks to the new member of the workforce.

Skilled and qualified members of the team will advise and assist their new colleague and integrate them into the workforce, while the apprentice can add new ideas and enthusiasm to those already being put into action.

Meanwhile, the apprentice can train for a worthwhile and fulfilling career at the hands of those already doing the job while at the same time being paid to learn a trade.

IPS International wants to help companies and individuals achieve all their goals.

More information is available by phoning 01634 298800, emailing theooffice@ips-international.com or visiting www.ips-international.com.

Busy at MidKent College

MidKent College is celebrating National Apprenticeship Week by holding four informative events covering a variety of specialisms.

Please email business.services@midkent.ac.uk to register your interest.

• **Long Live The Queen!** Monday, March 11, midday. The Medway Queen, Pier Approach Road, Gillingham ME7 1RX.

The Medway Queen Preservation Society, in partnership with MidKent College, invites you to meet the apprentices helping to revive one of the country's most beloved wartime vessels.

• **Employers' Day** Medway Campus, Tuesday, March 12, from 9am. Medway Road, Gillingham ME7 1FN.

Are you in the hospitality, travel-and-tourism or hair-and-beauty industries and want to recruit an apprentice?

If so, come and meet some of the students who are nearing the end of their course and looking for employment.

• **Laboratory and Science Technician** Thursday, March 14, midday. Kent Science Park, Broad Oak Road, Sittingbourne ME9 8AG. Visit Kent Science Park to



BRUSH UP! Maidstone Campus has new hair-and-beauty facilities

discover how taking on an apprentice laboratory and science technician, funded by MidKent College, could benefit your business.

• **Employers' Day** Maidstone Campus, Thursday, March 14, at 9.30am. Oakwood Park, Tonbridge Road, Maidstone ME16 8AQ.

Do you run your own salon, spa or hotel and are considering taking on an apprentice?

If so, come and meet students and take a tour of the Maidstone Campus's new hair-and-beauty facilities and find out how to recruit through the JobShop.

READER OFFER Holidays

Call 01895 83 33 33
for bookings and information



Holidays offered by **GN Holidays**, Higher Denham, Uxbridge UB9 5EL • Open: 9am to 5.30pm weekdays; 9.30am to 12.30pm Saturdays • Email: info@gnholidays.com • www.gnholidays.com

Highlands, Orkney & Shetland Twilight
Escorted Rail to Mini-Cruise from London
6 Days
£899pp
Quote OS6-KOS
1 June, 2013

Scotland's Highlands and Islands are magical, particularly in mid-summer when you can witness Shetland's 'simmer dim' or twilight at midnight. With visits to Loch Ness, the Castle of Mey, John O'Groats, Orkney and a two-night mini-cruise to Shetland, this is a unique, not-to-be-missed holiday.

INCLUDED:

- Escorted throughout
- Return rail travel from London Kings Cross
- 1 night half-board at Carrbridge Hotel in the Highlands, near Aviemore
- 2 nights half-board at The Royal Hotel, Thurso
- Short ferry crossing (1.5hrs) Scrabster to Stromness, Orkney



- with soup & sandwich lunch
- 2 night mini-cruise in a 2-berth cabin with 2 breakfasts & 1 dinner from Orkney to Shetland and Shetland to Aberdeen
- Restaurant dinner in Kirkwall
- Guided tours of Orkney & Shetland
- All transfers & touring in Scotland and the islands

Tuscany Coast & Country Explorer
Escorted Rail Holiday from London & Ebbsfleet*
10 days, half board + free drinks
£999pp
Quote TT5/9-KOS
15 May & 2 Sept, 2013

This super holiday taking in the best of Tuscany, starts with a glass of Bubbly at St Pancras before taking an afternoon Eurostar to Paris. After an overnight stay, we continue to Milan by train and by coach to Montecatini Terme, in Tuscany, our base for this holiday. At our hotel, you will enjoy half board accommodation and free drinks every night. Included excursions take in Florence, Pisa, Lucca, Siena and the beach resort of Forte dei Marmi.

INCLUDED:

- Escorted throughout
- Champagne Check-in at London St Pancras
- Return rail travel from St



- Pancras (from Ebbsfleet on request) - afternoon departure
- 1 night hotel B&B in Paris
- 1 night hotel B&B in Nice en-route home
- 7 nights in Montecatini Terme - *half board plus free drinks 7pm to 10pm every night
- All excursions
- Transfers abroad



Ferrari - Live the Dream in Maranello
By Air from Gatwick
4 days
£499pp
Quote FC4/FC10-KOS
25 April & 17 Oct, 2013

Come with us to Maranello in Northern Italy - home to the most famous sports car maker in the world - Ferrari. Our 4-day tour takes in all the sights of Maranello including the Ferrari Museum, Fiorano Test Track, Enzo Ferrari Museum in Modena and we

stay at a Ferrari-themed hotel. No trip to Maranello would be complete without taking a Ferrari out for a spin. Test drives are possible with options to drive a range of models, from the brand new California to the 550 Maranello - ranked as one of the most beautiful and technologically-advanced models ever created. INCLUDED: Escorted throughout abroad • 3 nights B&B at the 4-star Maranello Village Hotel • Admissions to: The Ferrari Museum, the Enzo Ferrari Museum PLUS guided bus tour inside the Fiorano test-track proving grounds and Viale Enzo Ferrari • Return Easyjet flights Gatwick to Bologna including one piece of hand luggage • Transfers abroad



Grand Danube 4-Star River Cruise
Escorted Fly-Cruise from Gatwick
9 days, full board
From £1199pp
Quote GD5/9-KOS
5 May & 22 Sept (£1299), 2013

Cruise Ports of call: Passau: (embarkation) • Melk • Vienna • Budapest • Bratislava • Dürnstein • Passau (disembark) Join us for a majestic cruise on the

famous Blue Danube. With a tremendous variety of scenery, historic cities, romantic towns, superb architecture and cultural jewels, Europe's second longest river offers an incomparable river cruising experience. Ports of call include magnificent Vienna and Budapest, with overnight stops at each. Our 4-star ship, the MS Serenity, is comfortable, cosy and modern with a capacity of 190 guests. The 12-sq metre cabins are all outside with twin beds, radio, TV, safe, air conditioning and en-suite facilities. INCLUDED: Escorted throughout abroad • Return flights to Munich from Gatwick • 1 night hotel B&B in Germany • 7-night full-board cruise on the MS Serenity • Transfers abroad



Italian Riviera Portofino & Cinque Terra
Escorted Rail Holiday from London & Ebbsfleet*
9 days, half board
£949pp
Quote EL9-KOS
26 September, 2013

Italy's Ligurian Riviera is home to the popular resorts of Portofino, Santa Margherita and the fabulously higgledy-piggledy Cinque Terra villages - a string of five towns which

appear to defy gravity by clinging to the rugged hillsides above the sea. We also visit Pisa & Lucca and have the option to visit Florence. INCLUDED: Escorted throughout • Champagne check-in at St Pancras • Return rail travel from London St Pancras to Nice (*from Ebbsfleet on request) • 1 night hotel B&B in Paris outbound • 6 nights half-board at the Hotel Tigullio in Lavagna • Welcome and farewell drink • Ligurian dinner one evening • 1 night hotel B&B on the Italian Riviera en-route home • Transfers & touring abroad



Business Week

online@www.businessforkent.co.uk

Your business is our business



Trains beat ferries for Channel travel

PASSENGERS crossing the English Channel by rail have outnumbered those using the ferries for the first time.

Government statistics for 2012 have revealed that 20 million people used Le Shuttle or Eurostar services, against 19.7m travelling by sea.

Eurotunnel says it has seen a steady increase in traffic since 2008 – but it is mainly people choosing trains over planes, rather than turning away from ships.

A spokesman said: "People want to take their luggage and family, so a car is the best option."

P&O Ferries says the figures show the overall strength of the market for cross-Channel travel and a spokesman emphasised its main rival was Le Shuttle.

"We are still outperforming Le Shuttle," he said. "Eurostar and its foot passenger service has taken much traffic from the airlines, but when the tunnel was opened the ferries were supposed to curl up and die. This clearly has not happened."

Shares optimism

STOCK markets across the world reached new highs this week on the back of renewed optimism that the global economy is on the upswing.

In Britain, the FTSE 100 hit a five-year high while in New York the Dow Jones set an all-time record. The optimism comes as strong profits were announced by firms in Europe and the US.

Jo James of Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce said: "It's very pleasing to see the Dow Jones hit an all-time high. This is certainly the type of message needed to restore business confidence."

Low interest rates on cash savings are another factor as investors look to purchase shares rather than just have funds sitting in a bank or building society.

If you have a business story, Nick Ames would like to hear from you. Telephone him on 01303 817181, or alternatively email nick.ames@archant.co.uk. Follow us on Twitter @KOSbusiness



Call to re-imagine business if the high street is to survive

By Nick Ames

nick.ames@archant.co.uk

THE plight of our high streets is becoming increasingly well documented.

Squeezed by the twin pressures of the boom in online trading and a dramatic slump in the economy, what were once the traditional beating hearts of our communities are now seeing dramatic transformations.

The almost weekly collapse of previous household names has demonstrated beyond doubt that no one is safe from the perils which traders now face.

In order to combat the problem, the Federation of Small Businesses has set up its Keep Trade Local campaign that seeks to stem the tide of business closures, reverse the trend and defend small shops and jobs.

Its local branch is concerned the county's high streets face extinction unless the constituent parts appreciate a different approach is required going into the future.

Chairman of the FSB in the county, Roger House, said: "There is no point in simply chasing the traditional model of the high street – a place where people come together to shop."

"Retail is an important element of a thriving town centre, but it's not sufficient. Instead, you need to re-imagine your high street and town centre, and work towards a future where people come together for many different reasons. Simply continuing as you are is not an option."

There are in the region of 300,000 stores in the UK with 86 per cent employing less than 10 people. Retail sales in 2011 were £303bn, equivalent to 20 per cent of UK gross domestic product, and turnover is forecast to grow by 12 per cent over the next few years.

However, unless new policies and strategies



FUTURE? High Streets need to change

are implemented, retail trends show that, as a share of the total retail spend, town centre sales are expected to continue to decline.

There is no quick fix, says the FSB, and solutions will require the combined will of many different people and organisations at all levels from town centre businesses, local authorities, property owners and Government.

Mr House added: "Local and central government may be able to help by adopting some of the recommendations highlighted by the FSB Keep Trade Local Campaign; namely to take proactive steps to promote the reliefs available to small businesses, reconsider parking strategies and change the planning system so that it better supports town centres and high streets."

"With more and more retailers vanishing from our high streets, policy makers now have a clear choice to preserve this decline, or to deliver a genuine level playing field that will help our town centres to fight back."

■ **ACCORDING** to one analyst, retailers experiencing a decline in their market share must learn from those who are seeing an upsurge – online traders.

Figures from the analyst group Local Data Centre have found that over the last 12 months an average of 20 shops closed every day across the UK.

Dan Wagner, of mobile payment company mPowa, thinks shopping should be redefined as the way people shop changes.

He explained: "The time has gone where we walk around shops, picking items up, queuing, getting them all out at a till, packing them away again, so that you can carry them around for the rest of the day and all the way home."

"An 'everything commerce' mentality will allow unparalleled flexibility regarding transactions. High street shops will need to adapt to the changing demands placed upon them."

FSB recommendations to make a difference

■ Comprehensive and independent impact assessments

Future impact assessments should be commissioned by the local planning authority, not by the applicant.

■ Town centre access and parking

There is an imbalance between many town centre car parking schemes and public transport networks and out-of-town development parking resources, this should be addressed.

■ Targeted rate relief

The burden of business rates falls disproportionately on small businesses and while the Small Business Rate Relief Scheme has reduced some of the imbalance, increases in the level of relief should level the playing field between large and small businesses.

■ Review of the Landlord and Tenant Act

This was written at a time when a very different property market prevailed. Commercial leases must reflect changes in local market conditions.

■ Simplified planning criteria

Obtaining planning permission is a minefield. Planning should be designed to positively encourage development of premises in town centres, helping businesses wanting to expand.

■ Pop-up shops

Empty shops are a wasted economic opportunity. Temporary or pop-up shops would utilise vacant premises until a permanent tenant can be found.

■ Licences and permits

These costs remove funds from businesses and flat rate fees place disproportional burdens on small businesses. The temptation to make up funding shortfalls through increased charges should be resisted.

■ Enforcement

The vast majority of businesses want to trade legally. Help to assist compliance should be adopted and not overzealous enforcement through punitive measures and fines for minor, accidental infringement.

■ Crime against businesses

This is not a victimless crime, it affects a business' ability to attract customers and their profitability. It affects the business owner, their staff and wider community.

■ Finance

Lack of competition in the banking sector restricts a firm's ability to expand. Schemes such as a post bank or business bank are required.

■ Entrepreneurship

Few people active in the community have a clear grasp of the working of business. Involving businesses would require cherry picking a handful who understand the systems.

■ Innovation

Businesses themselves cannot live in the past, they must adapt to meet the radical changes in consumer behaviour to ensure their own survival. They must develop their key strengths in order to genuinely compete with their out of town and internet rivals.

Business Week

Training, courses and careers

Hotel hosts drop-in session with K College and council to mark week



COLLEGE: Council team-up

AS PART of the sixth annual National Apprenticeship Week (see right), Shepway District Council is holding a drop-in session with local further education provider K College for anyone who runs a company or business and is interested in taking on an apprentice.

All the information they need will be available at the event, which is being held at The Grand, Folkestone, on Tuesday, March 12.

Representatives from K

College and the council will be on hand to explain how the Apprenticeships – Work For You programme works and the benefits it brings to individuals and their employers. Anyone who brings along a new employer will be entered into a prize draw to win a free training course at K College.

The event runs from 5pm to 7pm.

For more information please contact Alexander Kalorkoti on 01303 853 402.

IT academy gets top marks on first birthday

THE Microsoft IT Academy at MidKent College has been named a 'centre of excellence' on its first anniversary.

Launched by the college's business services division in February 2012, the academy offers software training to students, members of staff and local employers.

It was named a centre of excellence by Microsoft partner Prodigy Learning for delivering more than 250 exams in its first year of operation.

School unveils free app for students and parents

MARGATE'S Hartsdown Academy is leading the way in smartphone technology with its own app.

The college is offering the free app to parents on iPhone, Windows and Android mobiles and will keep them up-to-date with the latest news, events and term dates.

Head of school Tony Davies said: 'We are constantly looking at ways to innovate and constantly looking at better ways to keep in touch with families and students.'



OPPORTUNITY: Taking on apprentices will be the focus of a week-long string of special events

Week shines a spotlight on benefit of apprentices

A STRING of events will be taking place across the county next week to mark National Apprenticeship Week.

It is hoped they will cast a spotlight on a method of employing and training staff which is becoming increasingly popular and many point to being a key tool in easing unemployment among the young while providing them with essential skills.

Co-ordinated by the National Apprenticeship Service, it is part of a nationwide campaign designed to showcase the achievements and benefits derived by investing in apprentices.

Running from March 11-15, the focus will be on the benefits to the employer, apprentice and the economy as a whole.

More than 10 will be taking place across Kent, dovetailing with hundreds being staged countrywide.

A huge range of organisations and individuals in Kent, including employers, apprentices, business support and sector organisations, learning providers, colleges and schools will support the week by hosting activities.

These will range from a Skills for Care event in Maidstone, which aims at raising awareness amongst employers in social care regarding the benefits of recruiting apprentices, to a social enterprise event in Canterbury aimed at encouraging small and medium-sized enterprises to recruit more apprentices.

Some of the more unusual activities being

planned include an event at Whiting and Hammond, Tonbridge, where apprentice chefs will be challenged to create a new dish at the Little Brown Jug restaurant.

Vic Grimes, divisional area director for London and the south east, said: 'Every year National Apprenticeship Week increases in popularity.'

'Last year was a huge success and we look forward to showcasing the value high quality apprenticeships bring to individuals, businesses and the wider economy and celebrating Kent's apprentices again this year.'

Last week, to highlight the upcoming promotion, there were a number of special events staged nationwide to raise awareness.

These included the launch of a number of short films which saw chief executives swap roles with their apprentices for the day and several apprentices taking to social media to highlight their weeks and what it is like being involved in an apprenticeship.

Other key events this week include breakfast meetings for businesses and young people staged simultaneously in five cities and linked by satellite to hear guest speakers such as business secretary Vince Cable.

There will also be a major report published which will feature the findings of a study undertaken by the Centre for Economics and Business Research into the value, in terms of productivity and financial contribution, which apprentices bring. To find out more visit www.apprenticeships.org.uk/theweek.

What is your business doing to help Keep Kent Working?
Do you send employees on training courses to aid their personal development or run apprenticeship schemes? If you have a good-news story, email editorial@kosmedia.co.uk or call us on 01303 817000.

PRE-APPRENTICESHIP ROUTEWAY TBG Learning
Improving Lives Through Learning

Are you aged 16-19 and unemployed?

Paid travel expenses to the centre!

Receive cash bonuses as you progress

TBG Learning's Pre-Apprenticeship Routeway could be your route into work.

TBG Learning's centres in Kent has free courses that will help you to improve your chance of getting a job, an Apprenticeship or move on to study at college.

TBG Learning Ashford

Tel: 01233 634476 Email: ashford@tbglearning.com

TBG Learning Dover

Tel: 01304 242474 Email: dover@tbglearning.com

TBG Learning Gravesend

Tel: 01474 566588 Email: gravesend@tbglearning.com

www.tbglearning.com

Wind farm blows in £3,000 bursary

THE world's largest offshore wind farm is providing students planning to start university this autumn with the chance of securing a £3,000-a-year bursary.

Anyone going to study a subject related to sustainable development, science or engineering, can bid to secure the money towards their tuition fees being put up by London Array, the windfarm off the coast of Whitstable.

The only criteria is that the student lives in, or near to, Graveney and Goodnestone, near Faversham, where the onshore substation for the farm is based.

From 2010 and for each academic year until 2019, London Array is offering one bursary of £3,000 per year towards university tuition fees.

Mike O'Hare, London Array's general manager (operations), said: 'The scheme will

hopefully not only help attract high quality recruits into this exciting and growing industry but will play an important role in supporting local students through university.'

Application forms can be requested by emailing Ademola Solanke, principal accountant at Kent County Council, at ademola.solanke@kent.gov.uk or downloaded from the London Array website www.londonarray.com.

Call for help to launch small firms into the international marketplace

By Nick Ames

nick.ames@archant.co.uk

MP Sir Roger Gale says he wants "a one-stop shop" to help smaller businesses that want to break into foreign markets.

The long-serving Conservative politician for Thanet North said he was looking for a body tasked with providing all the necessary support to exporters, including legal advice, practical know-how and information on specific destinations.

He made the comment after listening to a speech by business and enterprise minister, and Sevenoaks MP, Michael Fallon, who said currently fewer than one in five UK firms look abroad to trade.

Sir Roger said: "It strikes me that there is a lot more we in Government can and should do in order to promote businesses exporting."

"This is particularly true for Kent-based companies, which are geographically extremely well positioned to break into European markets."

"Large multinational companies can just jump on a plane but for one, two or three-man



EXPORTS: Sir Roger Gale MP says more should be done



bands that is obviously not possible. They are also probably kept so busy running their companies that they are not taking time to raise their sights."

He said a partnership between business, government and local authorities could provide opportunities.

"Together with Kent County Council, what I would like to see is a one-stop shop offering all the support a company needs to export products. They may feel they do not have the expertise to deal with things like export guarantees, but this is the sort of area where support would be made available."

Spot checks to ensure construction safety



HEALTH and safety inspectors will be targeting construction sites across the county in an attempt to improve standards across the sector.

They will be making unannounced visits to ensure duty holders are managing high-risk activity, such as working at height, assess welfare facilities and check whether suitable equipment, such as head protection, is being used.

During 2011/12, three workers

were killed while working in construction in the south east and 213 were seriously injured.

Nationally there were 49 deaths and more than 2,800 major injuries.

Emma Stiles, principal inspector of the Health & Safety Executive, said: "Death and injury continue to result from avoidable incidents and it is largely those engaged in refurbishment and repair work who are failing to step up to the mark."

"Poor management of risks and a

lack of awareness of responsibilities are unacceptable.

"In many cases simple changes to working practices can make all the difference, and can even save lives. Therefore if we find evidence that workers are being unnecessarily put at risk we will take strong action."

"We are determined to drive the message home that site safety and worker welfare cannot be compromised."

Green cleaning company expanding to Pfizer site

ECO-CLEANING company Clean-tec Innovation is set to move to Discovery Park, Sandwich, after reporting a period of sustained growth.

It will make the move to the former Pfizer site next month after outgrowing its previous facilities in Broadstairs.

The company, which exports to more than 30 countries, produces cleaning products which are biodegradable and environmentally

friendly for both domestic and commercial use.

MP for South Thanet, Laura Sandys, paid a visit to the company to learn about its impending move.

Discovery Park and its facilities were discussed at the recent launch of the Grow For It campaign, which is aimed at attracting inward investment into east Kent.

MOVE: Cleantec staff meet MP Laura Sandys to discuss the future



BUSINESS IN BRIEF

Construction sector hit by a recent low

OUTPUT in UK construction fell in February, a survey has indicated, as the sector suffered its worst month since October 2009.

Industry analysts are calling for a greater number of homes to be built in Kent, but this has been opposed by environmental campaigners who say priority should be given to refurbishing run-down properties. Experts said there was "barely a crumb of comfort" in the figures.

Debenhams shares hit by January snow

SHARES in Debenhams, which has branches in Canterbury, Ashford, Medway and Folkestone, fell by 10 per cent as it issued a profits warning to investors, blaming the January snow.

The company stated the main fall took place between January 14 and 27 when "the UK business was severely disrupted by the snow which fell across the country".

Its shares dropped to 85p in early trading.

Outsourcing saves company thousands

SWALE Heating has signed a multi-million-pound outsourcing deal with Wolseley UK which means all the logistics and warehousing functions at the heating company's Sittingbourne office are run by an outside contractor.

Previously, Wolseley UK was one of three main suppliers but it has now become the sole provider, enabling the heating company to make a six-figure saving on its budget.

Times recognition for insurance business

SEVENOAKS-BASED Markerstudy Group has been named 18th in The Sunday Times 100 Best Company to Work For list after applying to enter for the first time.

Chief executive of the insurance business, Kevin Spencer, said: "I'm immensely proud of the talent, loyalty and enthusiasm I see every day from my workforce and of the business we've created together."

Primark reports good performance figures

CLOTHING chain Primark has enjoyed an outstanding performance in the past few months, according to owner Associated British Foods.

The company has outlets across Kent, including one at Westwood Cross which opened in October last year. It expects total sales to be up 23 per cent in six months. Profit margins were higher thanks to lower cotton prices and better trading.

Networking event is a hub for optimisation

OVER 40 small businesses in Folkestone attended Basepoint's Networking Hub for a talk on the optimisation of company websites.

Manager Lorraine May said: "Illustrating the need for businesses to focus on search engine optimisation will enable them to ensure their websites are used to their maximum potential, which in turn should improve the performance and profitability for the upcoming year."



Kent at your service

To Advertise

Email us at classified@kosmedia.co.uk

Telephone us on 01303 817150



Fax us on 01303 817001

COMPUTER SERVICES



Professional
Computer Support
Services for you
Home or Business

- Network Installation
- Microsoft Sbs 2003 - 2011 Specialists
- Computer Supply & Repairs
- Upgrades
- Virus & Spyware Removal
- Corporate Antivirus Software providers
- Data Recovery
- Managed Support Services
- Cisco Installation & Support
- Backup Solutions

If you are looking to buy
IT Products online,
please visit our online store
www.premone.net
over 70,000
products online

Call: 01233 63 33 33
email:
sales@premone.co.uk

ELECTRICAL

SOUTHGATE

ELECTRICAL SERVICES

Rewires, alterations,
aerials, alarms, FREE
quotations. 'Fully qualified'

For enquiries call

01227 712790

07889 895394



FURNITURE



**DINING • BEDROOM • OCCASIONAL
PICTURES • MIRRORS • CLOCKS**

**HUGE SELECTION
2000 SQ FT
SHOWROOM**
Mon-Sat 9-5.30 Sunday 10-4

**FREE
Delivery &
Furniture
Disposal** **Chunky Oak
Display
Cabinet
£659 £428**

PINESTYLE email pinestyle1@aol.com
21-23 Pickford Lane, Bexleyheath, DA7 4RD
www.pinestyle-bexleyheath.co.uk
020 8304 7400
FREE parking on shop forecourt

GENERAL

Create **MAXIMUM** storage whilst using **LESS** space!



We have previously suffered with
technical problems on our website
however this has now been rectified
07725 952521
www.aa-gliderobes.co.uk **A&A
GLIDEROBES**

PLUMBING AND HEATING SERVICES

TJ Plumbing & Heating Services

- Service and installation
- Replacement and repair
- Gas fires, combi boilers, water heaters & cookers
- Fully insured and reliable service

Boiler Service £50
Landlords Certificate £60
Boiler Breakdown Cover £5.99

01795 475391 • 07912 940875

REMOVALS

ESJ REMOVALS

*Man and Van based
in Canterbury*

Local, National & International
Collections and Deliveries
Office Moves

House clearances antique and
modern furniture bought and sold
Probate

Domestic Cleaning
Licence for Waste Removal
Over 16 Years Experience CRB
Checked
Fully Insured

Tel: 01843 869233
Mob: 07527 859124
esj_removals@hotmail.co.uk

SATELLITE & AERIAL SERVICES

LOCAL AERIAL MAN for South-East Kent

Digital Freeview TV
Aerials Installations
Freesat Satellite
Installations
Satellite & TV Aerial
Maintenance

Extra points for TVs & Satellite Systems
Tuning Service Available

07860645643

*All Work Guaranteed With A Personal
Service. Call Anytime For All Your
Aerial And Satellite Needs*



ESTABLISHED
1972



SECURITY

SECURITY SHREDDING SERVICE



Prevent fraud and securely destroy ...

- utility bills
- credit card statements
- bank statements
- old credit cards
- cheque book stubs
- back-up cds



Simply call

0845 071 2351

for further details

www.castlesremovals.co.uk

WINDOWS, DOORS & CONSERVATORIES



WOOD BURNING STOVES

AFFORDABLE
**WOOD BURNING
STOVES**

from **£334** delivered

Specialising in
Country Kiln
Wood Burning and
Multi Fuel Stoves

T. 01560 483 966

www.woodburningstoveslimited.com

CANOPES



Carports
Canterbury Canopies
Carports Canopies Verandas Awnings
www.canterburycanopies.com
Tel : 0800 954 5322



Raising the roof

Vauxhall is now open to new sectors as Cascada shows intent



Powered by



Driving

drive24.co.uk

By Steve Loader

editorial@kosmedia.co.uk

RENAULT has asked "How cheerful is cheap?" after launching its Dacia budget brand.

The arrival, headlined by the Sandero supermini – officially the UK's cheapest car by £1,000 – was delayed by the Romanian brand's success in equally cash-strapped markets across Europe.

It seems churlish, then, to quibble at what you get for the Sandero's starting price of £5,995... but it's not a lot. The Access entry model has no radio, only comes in white and offers basic steel wheels and black bumpers.

That said, it has five doors, all the safety kit expected – though the Euro NCAP safety rating was just three stars out of five for an adult occupant and four for a child – and the glassy cabin and boot are capacious. Ride quality and handling is also balanced to suit buyers who want an A-to-B motor at the best possible price.

Nevertheless, this is cheap but not cheerful motoring and, as ever, a tempting base price aims to get people signed up for higher-spec yet still modestly-priced versions.

Starting at just £600 more, mid-range Ambiance trim delivers not only what we now expect, such as radio/CD-player, remote central locking, electric front windows and body-coloured bumpers and wheel trims but also bonuses such as remote controls for the sound system, plus USB and AUX inputs and Bluetooth. The interior also looks less basic, though most materials in the Sandero are durable rather than luxurious.

But Dacia reckons most buyers will opt for Lauréate flagship models, from £7,995, equipped with air-con, cruise-control and electric windows all round, though you pay extra for alloys.

However, the Sandero's hitherto untouchable pricing then starts running into real competition, such as the ageing but well-organised and specified Perodua Myvi – previously seen here as the Daihatsu Sirion – Kia Picanto, Hyundai i10 and those thoroughly modern city-car clones, the VW Up, Skoda Citigo and Seat Mii.

Most are still dearer on a spec comparison but deliver more sophistication, as indeed a nearly-new rival might also do for similar money. The Kia and Hyundai also have gold-plated warranties – though extensions to Dacia's standard three-year/60,000 miles are available and the brand already has a good international reputation for reliability.

In addition, Renault has endowed the newcomer with decent powertrains. I didn't test the entry-level 1.2-litre petrol, but the three-cylinder 0.9-litre TCe petrol turbo (from £7,395) is nippy if raucous and whiney.

The refined 1.5-litre diesel (from £8,395) is my best buy, though; diesels in small cars are normally a pet hate, but this unit's weight curbs the Sandero's slightly bouncy suspension and delivers a good balance of power and economy, while low CO2 emissions make it road tax- and congestion charge-exempt.



DACIA SANDERO

Price:
£5,995

Driving appeal:

★★

Image:

★★

Space:

★★★★★

Value:

★★★★★

Running costs:

★★★★★

Reliability:

★★★★★

How green?:

★★★★★

Best rival:

Kia Picanto

Dacia reveals talk really can be cheap with budget-buy Sandero



CHEAPEST THERE IS:

Officially the cheapest new car available on the UK market, the Access entry-level Sandero, left, starts at £5,995 and has no radio, but carmaker Dacia reckons most buyers will opt for the Lauréate flagship models, top

DON'T LIKE

... the basic Access model; £5,995 will get people looking, but they might be better off spending the same on a quality used car with decent spec.

NOT SURE

... many people will be fooled by that silly asking price, but will they then realise that paying for more spec means they could afford a good rival?

REALLY LIKE

... what may become the 'Sandero effect' – a spate of bargain-priced, well-equipped small cars to reflect these cash-strapped times.

OWNING A BRAND NEW CHEVROLET COULD NOT BE SIMPLER!



ONLY

£64

PER MONTH

Payments for 6 months

HALF PRICE

1/2

Payments
for 6 months

BRAND NEW
CHEVROLET SPARK
1.0LS 5DR

Specification includes:

- Air Conditioning
- Remote Central Locking
- USB Connectivity
- Front Fog Lights

HALF PRICE PAYMENTS
FOR 6 MONTHS
RIGHT NOW, AT PERRYS.

5 years
0% APR
Representative

Finance available on selected Chevrolets

Representative Example

First 6 Monthly Payments we Pay	£64
First 6 Monthly Payments you Pay	£64
Then 54 Monthly Payments	£128
Cash Price	£9,725
Deposit	£2,045
Amount of Credit	£7,680
Total Amount Payable	£9,725
Borrowing Rate	0%
Representative	0%APR



CHEVROLET

PERRYS OF DOVER Honeywood Parkway, White Cliffs, Business Park, Whitfield, Dover, CT16 3PT
01304 827 500 www.perrys.co.uk/dover-chevrolet

Official Government Environment Data. Fuel consumption figures mpg (litres/100km) and CO2 emissions (g/km). Chevrolet Spark Range: Urban 42.8 (6.6), Extra Urban 67.3 (4.2), Combined 55.4 (5.1) CO2 emissions 119g/km. Finance subject to status. Cars shown for illustration purposes only. Terms & Conditions Apply. Ask for details.

Vauxhall goes upmarket with crop-top



HEAD-TURNER: Vauxhall releases the all-new Cascada in April, underlining the carmaker's upmarket aspirations

By Steve Loader

editorial@kosmedia.co.uk

THERE'S a fresh confidence at Vauxhall, highlighted by entries into completely-new market sectors.

Lately, we've seen a supersize upmarket sister to the Zafira, the Zafira Tourer; the groundbreaking Ampera electric car with range-extender petrol engine, the mid-size Mokka SUV; and, most recently, the arrival of the chipper Adam city car with its million customisation options.

And the General Motors brand aims to underline its upmarket aspirations in April by launching a handsome new full four-seat convertible, the Cascada: it's a sector the brand hasn't targeted with an in-house design since the 1930s.

Justification for this bold move is no doubt assisted by wider sales possibilities for such a vehicle, rather than just UK and European demand, while a start price of £23,995 plus generous equipment makes it look extraordinary value against an obvious rival like the Audi A5 Cabriolet (from £31,785).

As a purpose-built convertible, it should be naturally stiffer than a decapitated saloon given retrospective strengthening – and weight – and Vauxhall has made much of the HiPer-Strut suspension donated by its VXR sub-brand to boost the car's driving credentials.

But Vauxhall has chosen to go with a conventional fabric roof rather than a folding hard-top, insisting that this will be resistant



to the vagaries of UK weather, with superior acoustic and thermal insulation due to polyester fleece between the outer and inner linings.

It can also be opened in 17 seconds at speeds up to 30mph, folding away to leave an elegant and aerodynamically-uncluttered convertible profile.

In keeping with a trend on recent Vauxhalls and the demands of convertible buyers, the interior is also said to be upmarket and surpris-

ingly versatile, with 50/50-split folding rear seats allowing longer objects to be carried, though boot space of 350 litres (roof up) or 280 (roof down) is generous for this class.

Three engines will be available at launch, including an all-new 168bhp 1.6-litre turbocharged petrol engine, though a 138bhp 1.4-litre turbocharged unit is the entry-level option, with a 163bhp 2.0-litre turbodiesel being the other alternative for now.

24,700 Fords

6,350 Audis

23,000 Vauxhalls

10,300 Peugeots

2,600 Land Rovers

Now there are over 170,000 used vehicles listed on drive24.

Take your pick.

Drive24 has thousands of cars locally and hundreds of thousands nationally, so if you are looking for the best local deal or for something further afield you can find whatever you are looking for on drive24.

For the best choice of local cars

drive24.co.uk Powered by **motors.co.uk**

*from 173,018 cars on drive24.co.uk on 18/1/13

Saab are STILL in Canterbury at Northgate, walking distance to town centre

Fixed Price Servicing

Bronze Care

ALL INCLUSIVE PRICE OF £129 ONLY

Silver Care

FOR PETROL ENGINES £179 ONLY

Gold Care

FOR PETROL ENGINES £259 ONLY

FOR DIESEL ENGINES £199 ONLY

FOR DIESEL ENGINES £279 ONLY

MOT's are £39 with all of our Services



Terry Mallandain

Northgate Alfa Romeo is now

THE ONLY SAAB SPECIALIST IN CANTERBURY

Terry Mallandain will be bringing his 30 years of Saab experience to us making Northgate Alfa the only Saab Specialist in Canterbury.

- **AIR CONDITIONING SERVICE £59 WITH ONE OF THE ABOVE SERVICES**
- **MOT TEST ONLY £39 WHEN BOOKED WITH ONE OF THE ABOVE SERVICES**

Northgate Garage (Canterbury) Ltd
Canterbury, Kent, CT1 1FW
Call 01227 829930
www.northgate-alfa.co.uk





KENT'S LARGEST PRESTIGE DEALER

NOW OPEN in Canterbury

OVER 1250 CARS IN GROUP STOCK



Finance available • Part-exchange welcome



GardX
protection

FREE GARDX* paint
protection with every car
purchased this weekend on
production of this ad

• Lakeside Service Station, Sturry Road, Canterbury CT1 1DS TEL 01227 479338

• London Road, Addington ME19 5SH

www.bigmotoringworld.co.uk

*not in conjunction with any other offer.
Valid 8th to 10th March



WE'RE NOT BIG, WE'RE MASSIVE



BMW 5 Series 530D SE 5DR STEP
AUTO SAT NAV
£22,998



BMW 3 Series 330D SE 2DR, LOW
MILEAGE
£18,498



MERCEDES BENZ C CLASS C220
CDI BLUE EFFICIENCY SPORT 4DR
AUTO, LOW MILEAGE
£18,490



VW GOLF 2.0 TDI 140 SE
5DR DSG SAT NAV
£11,749

AUDI

A3 Mpi S Line 5 Door Hatchback 1.6, Black, Petrol, 31,528 miles	£12,990
A3 Tdi Se 3 Door Hatchback, Black, Diesel, 49,791 miles	£11,498
A3 Tfsi Quattro Sport 5 Door Hatchback, Aluminium/Silver, Petrol, 74,611 miles	£11,990
A3 Tfsi S Line 3 Door Hatchback, Aluminium/Silver, Petrol, 62,289 miles	£10,989
A3 Tfsi S Line 3 Door Hatchback 1.8, Grey, Petrol, 50,486 miles	£11,990
A4 T Fsi Quattro S Line Estate 2.0, Red, Petrol, 75,429 miles	£12,990
A4 T Fsi S Line Convertible 2.0, Aluminium/Silver, Petrol, 45,731 miles	£10,490
A4 Tdi Se 4 Door Saloon, Grey, Diesel, 29,845 miles	£13,500
A4 Tdi Se 4 Door Saloon 2.7, Black, Diesel, 51,686 miles	£11,990
A4 Tfsi S Line 4 Door 1.8, Black, Petrol, 24,838 miles	£15,499
A4 Tfsi Se 4 Door Saloon 1.8, Blue, Petrol, 39,219 miles	£11,989
A5 Tfsi Sport Coupe, Black, Petrol, 69,384 miles	£14,990
A5 Tdi 143 se Hatchback 2.0, Grey, 57,803 miles	£17,990
A6 Tdi S Line 4 Door Saloon, Black, Diesel, 66,343 miles	£9,490
Q5 Tdi Quattro Se Dpf Estate 2.0, Red, Diesel, 92,273 miles	£17,990
Ti Tfsi Convertible 2.0, White, Petrol, 85,641 miles	£11,968
Ti Tfsi S Line Special Edition Coupe 2.0, Black, Petrol, 31,488 miles	£18,990

BENTLEY

Continental Supersports A Convertible 6.0, Green, Petrol, 8,129 miles	£125,000
-----------------------------------------------------------------------	----------

BMW

1 Series 116D Es 3 Door Hatchback, Black, Diesel, 25,404 miles	£11,998
1 Series 116D Es 3 Door Hatchback, Black, Diesel, 21,857 miles	£10,998
1 Series 116i Sport 3 Door Hatchback, Black, Petrol, 21,851 miles	£10,990
1 Series 116i Sport 3 Door Hatchback, Black, Petrol, 71,345 miles	£10,990
1 Series 116i Sport A 3 Door Hatchback, Blue, Petrol, 27,215 miles	£9,499
1 Series 118D Es 3 Door Hatchback, Black, Diesel, 38,069 miles	£12,990
1 Series 118D Es Convertible, Black, Diesel, 101,198 miles	£10,990
1 Series 118D M Sport 3 Door Hatchback, Aluminium/Silver, Diesel, 61,216 miles	£9,978
1 Series 118D M Sport Con Convertible, Aluminium/Silver, Diesel, 71,918 miles	£12,998
1 Series 118D Se Coupe, Black, Diesel, 42,519 miles	£12,998
1 Series 118D Se C A Convertible, Blue, Diesel, 54,347 miles	£13,990
1 Series 118D Se Con Convertible, Red, Diesel, 60,443 miles	£14,998
1 Series 118D Sport 5 Door Hatchback, Aluminium/Silver, Diesel, 61,653 miles	£10,998
1 Series 118D Sport Coupe, Black, Diesel, 68,550 miles	£10,998
1 Series 118D Sport Coupe, Blue, Diesel, 5,615 miles	£15,998
1 Series 118i Es A 5 Door Hatchback, Black, Petrol, 21,345 miles	£11,998
1 Series 118D Se 5 Door Hatchback, Black, Petrol, 60,548 miles	£6,998
1 Series 120D M Sport Con Convertible, Aluminium/Silver, Diesel, 18,362 miles	£18,998
1 Series 120D Se Coupe, Red, Diesel, 44,143 miles	£10,998
1 Series 120M Se Convertible, Aluminium/Silver, Petrol, 23,052 miles	£14,990
1 Series 120i M Sport Convertible, Blue, Petrol, 25,470 miles	£15,990
3 Series 318D Se 4 Door Saloon, Blue, Diesel, 64,096 miles	£9,998
3 Series 318i Es 4 Door Saloon, Red, Petrol, 42,164 miles	£8,998
3 Series 318i M Sport A 4 Door Saloon, Black, Petrol, 39,364 miles	£12,995
3 Series 318i M Sport Business Estate, Aluminium/Silver, Petrol, 45,763 miles	£14,989
3 Series 318i M Sport Touring Estate, Black, Petrol, 76,848 miles	£9,998
3 Series 318i Se 4 Door Saloon, Black, Petrol, 10,170 miles	£14,990

3 Series 318i Se 4 Door Saloon, Black, Petrol, 14,595 miles	£11,998
3 Series 318i Se Bus Edit A 4 Door Saloon, Blue, Petrol, 21,666 miles	£12,998
3 Series 318i Sport Plus Editi 4 Door Saloon, Blue, Petrol, 12,047 miles	£15,998
3 Series 318i Sport Plus Editi 4 Door Saloon, Blue, Petrol, 7,379 miles	£16,998
3 Series 320D Efficientdynamique 4 Door Saloon, White, Diesel, 19,922 miles	£17,789
3 Series 320D Sp Bus Edit 4 Door Saloon, Black, Diesel, 23,406 miles	£16,998
3 Series 320D M Sport Estate, Black, Diesel, 100,000 miles	£8,450
3 Series 320D M Sport Coupe, Black, Diesel, 21,252 miles	£20,998
3 Series 320D M Sport H/line C Convertible, Black, Diesel, 18,337 miles	£17,998
3 Series 320D M Sport Touring Estate, Black, Diesel, 37,648 miles	£16,500
3 Series 320D M Sport Touring Estate, Black, Diesel, 34,933 miles	£16,798
3 Series 320D Se Con Convertible, Red, Diesel, 75,639 miles	£13,995
3 Series 320D Sport Plus Editi 4 Door Saloon, Black, Diesel, 68,244 miles	£14,998
3 Series 320i M Sport 4 Door Saloon, Black, Petrol, 31,814 miles	£11,998
3 Series 320i M Sport Coupe, Blue, Petrol, 23,392 miles	£13,998
3 Series 320i M Sport Coupe, White, Petrol, 19,133 miles	£15,798
3 Series 320i M Sport Con Convertible, Black, Petrol, 30,052 miles	£15,998
3 Series 320i M Sport Con Convertible, White, Petrol, 16,803 miles	£18,990
3 Series 320i Se 4 Door Saloon, Black, Petrol, 31,200 miles	£10,995
3 Series 320i Se Convertible, Blue, Petrol, 34,918 miles	£18,500
3 Series 320 Se Coupe, Black, Petrol, 27,152 miles	£12,998
3 Series 320 Se Con Convertible, Aluminium/Silver, Petrol, 30,051 miles	£14,998
3 Series 325D M Sport Coupe, Grey, Diesel, 48,919 miles	£16,998
3 Series 325D Se 4 Door Saloon, White, Diesel, 44,735 miles	£14,998
3 Series 325D Se Highline Coupe, Grey, Diesel, 43,859 miles	£14,998
3 Series 325D Se Highline C A Convertible, Black, Diesel, 33,051 miles	£17,998
3 Series 325D Se Touring A Estate, Red, Diesel, 72,489 miles	£12,998
3 Series 325i M Sport Con Convertible, Black, Petrol, 22,941 miles	£13,995
3 Series 325i M Sport Highline Coupe, Black, Petrol, 36,878 miles	£16,998
3 Series 325i Se 4 Door Saloon, Black, Petrol, 155,069 miles	£5,995
3 Series 325i Se 4 Door Saloon, Blue, Petrol, 42,838 miles	£10,998
3 Series 325i Se A 4 Door Saloon, Blue, Petrol, 21,256 miles	£15,498
3 Series 325i Se A coupe, Blue, Petrol, 15,358 miles	£15,998
3 Series 330D M Sport 4 Door Saloon, White, Diesel, 61,935 miles	£15,998
3 Series 330D 4 Door Saloon, Black, Diesel, 54,258 miles	£12,498
3 Series 330D Se Coupe, Blue, Diesel, 38,169 miles	£16,998
3 Series 330D Se Con Convertible, White, Diesel, 44,255 miles	£18,489
3 Series 330i M Sp Highline C Convertible, Blue, Petrol, 41,200 miles	£16,998
3 Series 330i M Sport A Coupe, Aluminium/Silver, Petrol, 42,768 miles	£14,998
3 Series 335D Se A 4 Door Saloon, Blue, Diesel, 60,996 miles	£15,998
5 Series 520D M Sport A 4 Door Saloon, Grey, Diesel, 40,349 miles	£21,998
5 Series 520D Se 4 Door Saloon, Black, Diesel, 58,999 miles	£17,998
5 Series 525D M Sport 4 Door Saloon, Black, Diesel, 56,802 miles	£16,990
5 Series 528i Se 4 Door Saloon, Blue, Petrol, 64,472 miles	£18,998
5 Series 520D M Sport A 4 Door Saloon, Black, Diesel, 49,001 miles	£16,998
5 Series 520D Se Touring A Estate, White, Diesel, 62,129 miles	£22,998
6 Series 635D Sport Convertible, Black, Diesel, 47,363 miles	£26,990
6 Series 635D Sport Convertible, Grey, 54,032 miles	£25,998
6 Series 635D Sport C A convertible, Red, Diesel, 19,435 miles	£29,998

7 Series 730D M Sport 4 Door Saloon, Grey, Diesel, 35,608 miles	£21,998
7 Series 730D Se 4 Door Saloon, Grey, Diesel, 13,654 miles	£25,998
7 Series 740D M Sport 4 Door Saloon 3.0, Aluminium/Silver, Diesel, 13,424 mls	£30,998
X3 Xdrive20D M Sport A Estate 2.0, Blue, Diesel, 53,433 miles	£17,998
X5 Xdrive30D M Sport Estate 3.0, Black, Diesel, 26,547 miles	£30,998
X5 Xdrive30D Se Estate 3.0, Aluminium/Silver, Diesel, 36,664 miles	£28,998
X5 Xdrive35D M Sport Estate 3.0, Grey, Diesel, 54,583 miles	£29,998
X6 Xdrive35D Coupe 3.0, Black, Diesel, 24,429 miles	£30,998
Z Series Z4 Sdrive23i Roadster Convertible 2.5, Blue, Petrol, 40,931 miles	£18,500

JAGUAR

XF Saloon 2.7, Red, Diesel, 74,429 miles	£13,789
Xf Luxury V6 4 Door Saloon, Aluminium/Silver, Diesel, 48,917 miles	£15,449
Xf V6 Luxury 4 Door Saloon, Black, Diesel, 54,580 miles	£16,989
Xf V6 Premium Luxury 4 Door Saloon, Black, Diesel, 70,737 miles	£17,399
Xf V6 S Portfolio 4 Door Saloon, Black, Diesel, 52,233 miles	£19,990
Xf V6 S Portfolio 4 Door Saloon, Black, Diesel, 67,248 miles	£20,990

MERCEDES

C-Class C180 K Blueefficiency 4 Door Saloon, Aluminium/Silver, Petrol, 37,858 miles	£12,989
C-Class C220 Cdi Blueefficient 4 Door Saloon, Black, Diesel, 12,874 miles	£18,449
Cic-Class C1c180 Kompressor Se Coupe, Aluminium/Silver, Petrol, 71,689 miles	£9,940
Cic-Class C1c180 Kompressor Sp Coupe, Aluminium/Silver, Petrol, 45,364 miles	£12,987
Cic-Class C1c180 Kompressor Sp Coupe, Blue, Petrol, 29,776 miles	£11,990
Cic-Class C1c220 Cdi Se Coupe, Black, Diesel, 67,376 miles	£10,990
Cic-Class C1c220 Cdi Sport Coupe, Aluminium/Silver, Diesel, 31,755 miles	£13,440
E-Class E220 Cdi Blueefficient 4 Door Saloon, Aluminium/Silver, Diesel, 77,961 miles	£15,989
E-Class E250 Cdi Blueefficient 4 Door Saloon, Aluminium/Silver, 36,747 miles	£20,990
E-Class E250 Cdi Blueefficient 4 Door Saloon, Aluminium/Silver, Diesel, 61,964 miles	£18,499
E-Class E250 Cdi Blueefficient Convertible 2.2, White, Diesel, 15,552 miles	£30,178

MINI

Mini Cooper D 3 Door Hatchback, White, Diesel, 85,384 miles	£7,789
Mini Cooper S Con Convertible 1.6, Black, Petrol, 69,210 miles	£9,990
Mini Cooper Sidewalk Con Convertible, Aluminium/Silver, Petrol, 62,172 miles	£8,990

VOLKSWAGEN

Beetle Luna 8V Convertible 1.6, Blue, Petrol, 30,269 miles	£7,998
Golf Gt Tdi 5 Door Hatchback 2.0, Red, Diesel, 83,965 miles	£10,280
Golf Gt Tsi 3 Door Hatchback, Grey, Petrol, 71,700 miles	£9,689
Golf Gtd Tdi 5 Door Hatchback, Black, Diesel, 19,354 miles	£16,990
Golf Se Tdi 5 Door Hatchback, Blue, Diesel, 43,078 miles	£11,494
Golf Se Tdi Dsg 5 Door Hatchback, Red, Diesel, 69,235 miles	£11,749
Passat Cc Tdi Coupe, Black, Diesel, 71,661 miles	£11,198
Passat R Line Tdi Dsg 4 Door Saloon, Black, Diesel, 87,080 miles	£8,500
Passat Sel Tdi Dsg 4 Door Saloon, Black, Diesel, 84,653 miles	£8,500
Passat Tdi Sport 4 Door Saloon, Blue, Diesel, 78,746 miles	£7,478
Polo Se Tdi 3 Door Hatchback, White, Diesel, 67,370 miles	£8,990
Scirocco Gt Dsg Coupe, Black, Petrol, 34,257 miles	£14,500
Touareg V6 Se Tdi Bluemotion T Estate, Grey, Diesel, 48,621 miles	£26,990

• Lakeside Service Station, Sturry Road, Canterbury CT1 1DS TEL 01227 479338
• London Road, Addington ME19 5SH

www.bigmotoringworld.co.uk



ADAM

WHAT'S YOUR MATCH?

ADAM&YOU

LIFETIME
WARRANTY 100,000 MILE

Pomphreys

0800 146 039

www.pomphreys.co.uk

London Road
Bapchild
Sittingbourne
ME9 9AQ



VAUXHALL

Official Government Test Environmental Data. Fuel consumption figures mpg (litres/100km) and CO₂ emissions (g/km). ADAM Range: Urban: 38.2 (7.4) – 43.5 (6.5), Extra-urban: 62.8 (4.5) – 67.3 (4.2), Combined: 51.4 (5.5) – 56.5 (5.0). CO₂ emissions 130 – 118g/km.

Vauxhall Lifetime Warranty covers lifetime ownership of first registered keeper, 100,000 mile limit. Terms and conditions apply. Visit www.vauxhall.co.uk/warranty

OUR MARCH PART EXCHANGES HAVE ARRIVED

**11 Reg Vauxhall
Corsa 1.2i 16v
(85ps) Excite
Hatchback
3dr**

Grey
3,686 Miles



£8,695

**61 Reg Vauxhall
Agila 1.2i 16v
SE (a/c)
ecoFLEX
Hatchback
5dr**

Red
5,391 Miles



£8,495

**61 Reg Vauxhall
Astra GTC 1.6i
16v Turbo SRi
Coupe 3dr**

White
17,000
Miles



£14,995

**60 Reg Vauxhall
Zafira 1.8i 16v
VVT Energy
MPV 5dr**

Blue
19,500
Miles



£9,995

**09 Reg Vauxhall
Insignia 2.0CDTi
16v (160PS) SRi
(Nav) Saloon
4dr**

Technical
Grey
35,000 Miles



£10,995

**09 Reg Vauxhall
Meriva 1.6i 16v
Club MPV
5dr**

Blue
41,000 Miles



£5,995

Call us NOW for full stock list!

*Terms and conditions apply.

Pomphreys

ALWAYS SOMETHING EXTRA

London Road, Bapchild,
Sittingbourne, Kent ME9 9AQ

Tel: 01795 476 222

www.pomphreys.co.uk



VAUXHALL



Scan with your
Smartphone to view
all our used car stock
with pictures and full
specifications.

Motability

drive24.co.uk

Motability: the great revolution

By Steve Loader

editorial@kosmedia.co.uk

MOTABILITY has radically changed the way that disabled people and their families can live their lives.

The Government-backed scheme enables them to drive for much less than it would cost them to buy or lease a new or nearly-new car privately and helps with potentially-costly adaptations for controls or wheelchair access.

On top of that, the scheme's regular payments can take care of everyday running costs; from insurance, maintenance and repairs to breakdown assistance – a huge reassurance when the cost of motoring is soaring.

What is more, Motability does not insist the disabled person is the driver; the car is made available for the benefit of that person, which means that up to two other named drivers can be on the car's insurance cover instead of the disabled person.

For more about this liberating scheme for disabled people, see inside this special supplement.



EQUAL OPPORTUNITY:

Thanks to Motability, car-buyers with disabilities have the same range of choices as any able-bodied person, from the economy of a supermini to the practicality of a capacious MPV – or even the flexibility of a fashionable SUV like the Hyundai ix35 pictured here



VOLVO WITH MOTABILITY
**CHOICE
WITHOUT
LIMITS**

V40 D2 SE MANUAL
WITH AN ADVANCE PAYMENT OF £499



V60 D2 SE LUX MANUAL
WITH AN ADVANCE PAYMENT OF £1,999



V70 D2 SE POWERSHIFT
WITH AN ADVANCE PAYMENT OF £1,899



Visit us at Lipscomb Group to discover the perfect new Volvo for you. Find your ideal match from some of our most popular models and get complete servicing, tyres, breakdown cover and insurance included. To find out more, contact us, your local Motability specialist.

Lipscomb Canterbury
0845 338 9902

Lipscomb Maidstone
0845 338 9901

Lipscomb Ashford (Service & Parts Centre)
0845 338 9903

WWW.LIPSCOMB.CO.UK



Motability
The leading car scheme for disabled people

Fuel consumption and CO₂ figures for the Volvo range in mpg (l/100 km): Urban 18.6 (15.2) - 70.6 (4.0), Extra Urban 34.9 (8.1) - 85.6 (3.3), Combined 26.4 (10.6) - 78.5 (3.6). CO Emissions 249 - 94g/km.

Offer available to Motability customers only. Offer valid from 1st...

Motability's 2013 price list unveiled

NO ONE can accuse Motability of lagging behind the times.

Some of the newest cars on the market are included in the latest price list of some 2,000 cars that disabled motorists can enjoy within the scheme's agreed financial parameters.

Within that overall list there are also about 450 vehicles requiring no advance payment, including the newly-launched and highly-customisable Vauxhall Adam 1.2 Jam.

There are also more than 400 cars available for an under-£500 advance payment.

In addition, the scheme offers 500 automatic models, with more than 50 available to lease with no advance payment, such as the Vauxhall Astra 1.6 Exclusiv, with front and rear parking sensors.

Other automatics available with no advance payment include the Peugeot 3008 Crossover 1.6TD Active diesel and Hyundai i30 1.6 Active with rear parking sensors.

Mike Betts, Motability Operations chief executive, said: "We strive to offer our customers a wide range of affordable and reliable vehicles to choose from. Our first pricing list for 2013 includes new models and firm favourites, as well as automatics and fuel-efficient diesels.

"This means our customers can feel assured that they can get out and about in 2013 in a car that suits their needs."

Further highlights of the new price list from Motability include the:

- Rugged-looking and roomy Skoda Yeti 1.2 S SUV – available for a £95 advance payment.
- Fuel-sipping diesel Volvo V40 1.6TD SE – for a £499 advance payment.

Motability also offers more than 500 Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles and drive-from wheelchair options.



REAL DEALS: No advance payment is needed on a Peugeot 3008 automatic, while the Vauxhall Adam, top, and the Volvo V40 make Motability's list



NEW THINKING.
NEW POSSIBILITIES.

It's time to do something just for the fun of it.



HYUNDAI ix20 ACTIVE 1.6 AUTO
from nil advance payment



HYUNDAI ix35 STYLE 1.6 GDI
from £499 advance payment

Motorline Hyundai – Maidstone 01622 624070 Bircholt Road, Parkwood, Maidstone ME15 9YN
Motorline Hyundai – Canterbury 01227 817555 Units 2b & 2c, Westminster Road, Canterbury CT1 1YY

Worry-free means everything is included

- Use your mobility allowance
- Breakdown recovery
- Road tax and insurance
- Servicing and maintenance
- 60,000 mileage allowance
- Specialist advice



Motability
The leading independent mobility provider
motability.co.uk

Find more of your quality for a Motability car! Call 0800 955 4800

Models shown: ix20 Active 1.6 auto in Ice Blue metallic paint with nil advance payment. ix35 Style 1.6 GDI in Sleek Silver metallic paint with £499 advance payment. To qualify for the Motability offer you must be in receipt of the Higher Rate Mobility Component of the Disability Living Allowance or War Pensioners' Mobility Supplement. Offers are subject to acceptance of Motability application. The Motability Contract Hire Scheme is administered by Motability Operations Limited (Registered Company No. 1373876), City Gate House, 22 Southwark Bridge Road, London, SE1 9HB. Full written details, including terms and conditions, of the Motability Scheme are available on request from Motability. Please note 60,000 miles over 3 years are allowed on the Motability Contract Hire Scheme.
Fuel consumption in MPG (l/100km) for Hyundai ix20 Active 1.6 Auto: Urban 34.0 (8.3), Extra Urban 51.4 (5.5), Combined 43.6 (6.5), CO₂ Emissions 154 g/km. Fuel consumption in MPG (l/100km) for Hyundai ix35 Style 1.6 GDI: Urban 34.4 (8.2), Extra Urban 47.1 (6.0), Combined 41.5 (6.8), CO₂ Emissions 158 g/km.

MOTABILITY

drive24.co.uk Powered by



THE CHOICE IS ALL YOURS: You can have practicality and style with a variety of estate cars including the Skoda Superb... or be prepared for the bad weather by picking a 4x4 SUV like the latest Honda CR-V

UP TO two nominated drivers can drive a Motability vehicle, but the disabled person qualifying for the scheme does not have to be one of them.

The drivers may be friends or relatives, and parents or carers can apply on behalf of a child aged three years or older.

The car only has to be used for the benefit of the disabled person, such as a shopping trip or collecting a prescription – they don't even have to be in the car. A third insured driver can be added for a small payment.

If you receive the Higher Rate Mobility Com-

Motability: the facts

ponent of the Disability Living Allowance or the War Pensioners' Mobility Supplement, you can apply for a Motability lease by exchanging part or all of that allowance.

Motability is a worry-free package that includes:

- A choice of some 2,000 car models
- Insurance, servicing and maintenance

- RAC breakdown assistance
 - Road tax
 - Tyre and windscreen replacement
 - 60,000-mileage allowance over three years
- Car dimensions vary: seat height, door-opening angle and storage space for wheelchairs and equipment can all affect whether the car

works for you and your particular disability or not, but your local dealer can take you through a questionnaire designed to ensure that the car and Motability is right for you.

Many special adaptations are available free to help with speed and steering, signalling and safety, stowage and seating and access.

The Motability package continues to the end of your three-year lease, with a seamless transfer to your new car. About 600,000 customers choose Motability and 97 per cent say they would recommend the scheme to their friends.

The New Peugeot 208 ACTIVE HDi 95

– available on Motability
with nil advance payment*

- 3 or 5 doors
- Multi-function colour touchscreen
- Bluetooth® & USB
- Air-conditioning
- 15" Alloy wheels
- Cruise control and speed limiter



PEUGEOT NEW 208

Peugeot's iconic '20' series has been regenerated with the hotly anticipated Peugeot 208. Lighter, more agile and with stunning design touches inside and out.

So call today, book a test drive and experience the Peugeot 208 for yourself.

MOTION & EMOTION



PEUGEOT

MOTORLINE CANTERBURY

Broad Oak Road, CANTERBURY, CT2 7PX Tel: 01227 451791
www.motorline.co.uk/peugeot

The official fuel consumption in mpg (l/100km) and CO₂ emissions (g/km) for the 208 range are: Urban 34.9 – 78.4 (8.1 – 3.6), Extra Urban 62.8 – 88.2 (4.5 – 3.2), Combined 48.7 – 83.0 (5.8 – 3.4) and CO₂ 135 – 87.

*Nil initial payment subject to availability and on selected 208 models only. Information and offers correct at time of going to press, however Peugeot Motor Company PLC reserve the right to change these at any time and without notice. Models shown are for illustrative purposes only. For full terms and conditions, please contact the Peugeot Motability line on 0845 945 5466. Calls may be recorded for training purposes.

Motability
offers you the
ability to enjoy
worry-free
motoring

A new
car
every **3** years

Breakdown
cover and
insurance
included

To find out how
Motability can help
you, talk to our
specialist today.



Motability
The leading car scheme for disabled people

Picking the right car – made easy



SURF'S UP: Motability.co.uk's search function makes it easier to decide whether a small supermini/MPV like the Honda Jazz, pictured right, is best for you, or a larger people-carrier such as the Vauxhall Zafira Tourer, above

MOTABILITY'S range of vehicle choice – 2,128 at present – can be both exciting and a worry.

Fortunately, the scheme's newly-updated website has a search function allowing users to create a line-up of comparable vehicles or a short-list, taking account of buying parameters mixing typical consumer searches and the specialist needs of Motability users.

Search by car details takes a consumer-style approach and includes:

- What kind of mobility allowance the user has
- What level of advance payment the user intends to pay, if anything
- Preferred car type, make, model and number of doors
- Whether the user specifically wants a manual, semi-automatic or automatic gearbox
- Whether the driver is under 25

But there are two other search programmes: Search By Accessibility Needs, taking account of car measurements, and Search For A Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle (WAV)

There is also excellent advice on what type of car to look for, in language more relevant to disabled users, such as:

- How smaller two- to three-door cars generally have wider doors with larger opening angles that may make access easier but be harder to close generally and harder to open wide in narrow parking spaces.
- How hatchbacks have a raise-up rear door or 'hatch', which could make it harder for a wheelchair-user to open/close or access items or simply be problematic when opening in the garage.
- Extra space in estate cars can be more convenient for a disabled person as the load area may be used to carry disability aids, but the vehicles can be longer and bulkier



www.renault.co.uk

NEW RENAULT CLIO REIGNITE YOUR VA VA VOOM

VISIT OUR SHOWROOM FOR THE CHANCE TO WIN AN UNFORGETTABLE WEEKEND IN PARIS*

ALL-NEW ENERGY-EFFICIENT ENGINES UP TO 88.3MPG

£NIL ADVANCE PAYMENT

Car shown is a New Clio Dynamique S MediaNav TCe 90 S&S from £350 advance payment



MOTORLINE MAIDSTONE
BIRCHOLT ROAD, PARKWOOD,
MAIDSTONE ME15 9XY
TEL 0844 822 7112

MOTORLINE CANTERBURY
WESTMINSTER ROAD,
CANTERBURY CT1 1YY
TEL 0844 822 7100

MOTORLINE ASHFORD
HILTON ROAD,
ASHFORD TN23 1EW
TEL 0844 822 7094

WWW.MOTORLINE.CO.UK/RENAULT



The official consumption figures in mpg (l/100km) for the New Clio core range are: Urban 40.4 (7)–78.5 (3.6); Extra Urban 60.1 (4.7)–94.2 (3.0); Combined 51.4 (5.5)–88.3(3.2). The official CO₂ emissions for the range are 127–83g/km.

Advance payment offers are only valid for Motability applications to 31st March 2013 and are correct at time of going to press. The Motability logo is a trademark of Motability. Registered charity number 299745. *Unforgettable weekend in Paris prize draw for two is restricted to one entry per person, per household. Package includes transport, two nights 5-star accommodation, breakfast each morning, dinner for one night at the Jules Verne Restaurant at the Eiffel Tower, 100 hotel spa voucher, 750 spending money and travel insurance. No cash alternative. This prize draw is open to those aged 18 or over. It is not open to employees (and their families) of Renault UK Ltd, their suppliers, agents, third parties, employees of authorised Renault Dealerships or anyone professionally connected with this promotion. This promotion closes on 31 March 2013. Promoter: Renault UK Ltd, The Rivers Office Park, Denham Way, Maple Cross, Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire, WD3 9YS. For full terms and conditions visit www.renault.co.uk/win.

MOTABILITY

drive24.co.uk Powered by



WHAT'S IT TO BE? A 4x4 SUV, like the Skoda Yeti, perhaps, left... or a racy little supermini like the latest Renault Clio, far left, hot on the streets

Our tips on how to start narrowing down your choice of Motability car

SMALL CARS

TEND to have lower advance payments, running costs and CO₂ emissions than larger vehicles. Two- to three-door cars generally have wider doors with larger opening angles.

These may make access easier, but closing the door and fitting in narrow parking spaces may be harder, while four- to five-door cars benefit from superior back-seat access – useful if you often have more than one passenger.

MEDIUM CARS

So where to start?

ARE often sold as hatchbacks and will have a slightly bigger boot than a standard small car. The same doors argument applies as for small cars.

FAMILY CARS

FAMILY cars are large four-door saloons or five-door hatchbacks and are considerably larger than medium-sized cars.

Hatchbacks usually have more boot capacity.

ESTATE CARS

USUALLY longer than a standard saloon or hatchback, with useful space for mobility aids in the boot, but this can add to the car's bulk, so make sure you

check it out with a test drive before committing.

MULTI-PURPOSE VEHICLES (MPV)

RANGING from small to large, MPVs can seat up to nine people. The seats are higher, with more headroom, legroom and width.

Some have large sliding side doors.

4X4 AND SPORT UTILITY VEHICLES (SUV)

THE term '4x4' is usually used to describe vehicles designed for off-road use, which generally have higher ground clearance.

Until recently, all 4x4s had four-wheel drive, but many people buy for the SUV styling and opt

for a front-wheel-drive-only version to save fuel.

COUPÉS, ROADSTERS AND CABRIOLETS

COUPÉS are small and sporty-looking, seating either two or four people, but may be compromised for disabled users due to their two-door format, cramped seating and smaller boots.

WHEELCHAIR-ACCESSIBLE VEHICLES (WAV)

WAVS are cars converted to carry passengers travelling in their wheelchair or those who wish to drive from a wheelchair.

WAVs may be best if you have trouble getting in and out of the car from your wheelchair and would prefer to remain in it when travelling as a passenger.

WAVs come in different sizes and have many standard features. The Motability website has a specific WAV Search.

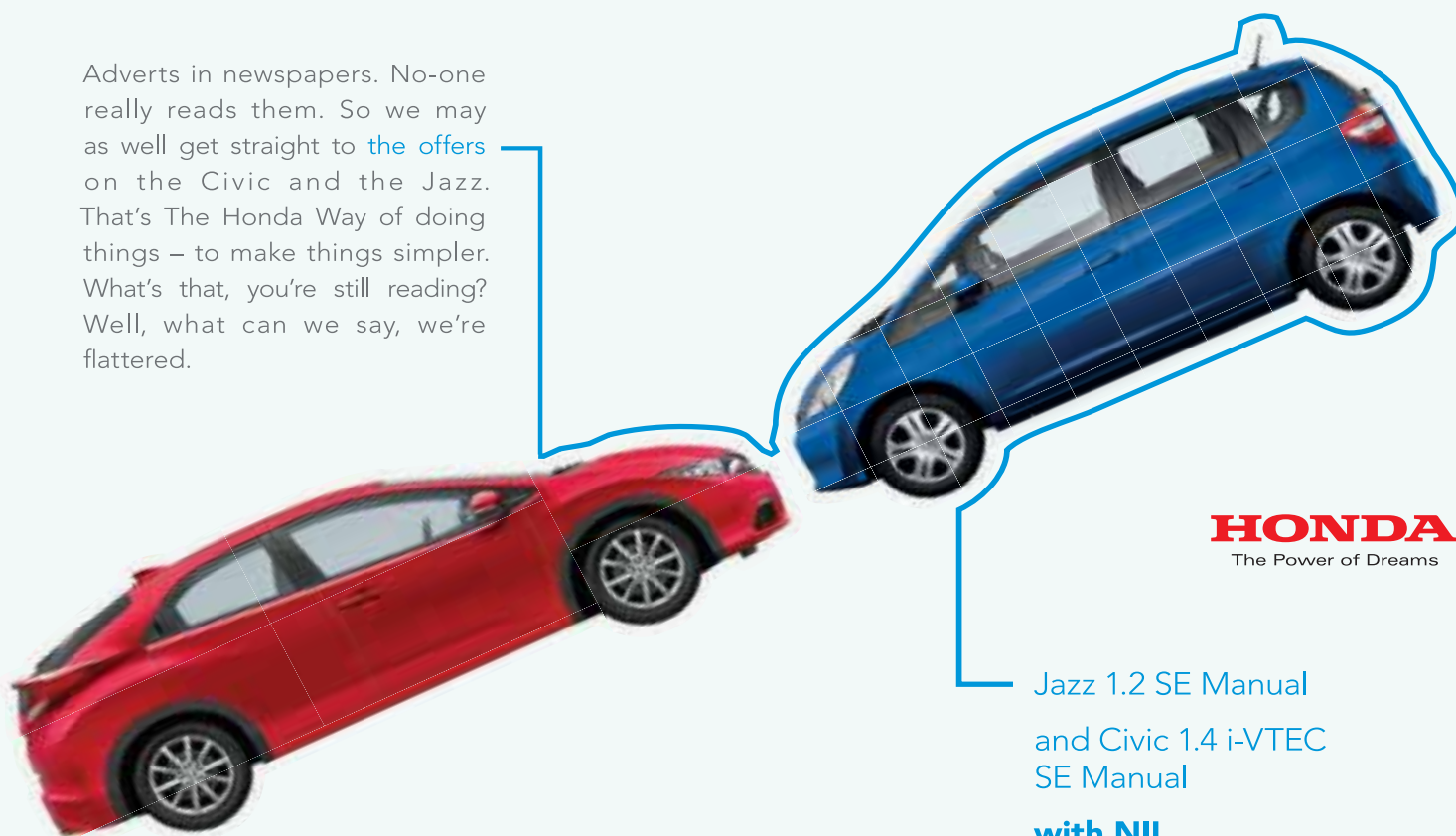
Watch out for any nasty surprises with your next car.

Every car on drive24 has had a free Experian™ history check to see if it has been stolen, scrapped, imported or written off in the past, so you can have peace of mind when searching for your next car.

For the best choice of local cars drive24.co.uk



Adverts in newspapers. No-one really reads them. So we may as well get straight to **the offers** on the Civic and the Jazz. That's The Honda Way of doing things – to make things simpler. What's that, you're still reading? Well, what can we say, we're flattered.



HONDA
The Power of Dreams

Jazz 1.2 SE Manual
and Civic 1.4 i-VTEC
SE Manual
**with NIL
advance payment**



BARRETTS HONDA

Vauxhall Road, Canterbury, Kent CT1 1YY
Call 01227 866266 or visit www.barrettshonda.co.uk



Motability
The leading car scheme for disabled people

Get a brand new car with breakdown cover and insurance included.

For more information visit **motability.co.uk** or call **0800 953 4002**

Fuel consumption figures for the Civic 1.4 i-VTEC SE Manual / Jazz 1.2 i-VTEC SE Manual in mpg (l/100km): Urban 42.2 (6.7) / 45.6 (6.2), Extra Urban 60.1 (4.7) / 61.4 (4.6), Combined 52.3 (5.4) / 54.3 (5.2). CO₂ emissions: 129 / 120 g/km.

Models shown: Civic 1.4 i-VTEC SE Manual in Milano Red and Jazz 1.2 i-VTEC SE Manual in Azure Blue Metallic. **Terms and Conditions:** Nil Advanced payment offer on Civic 1.4 i-VTEC SE Manual and Jazz 1.2 i-VTEC SE Manual. All offers are correct at the time of going to print however Honda (UK) reserves the right to change this offer at any time. Models subject to availability. Written details available on request. The facilities offered are for the hire of goods. The scheme is available to recipients of the Higher Rate Mobility Component of the Disability Living Allowance or War Pensioners Mobility Supplement. To qualify for this offer you must be in receipt of a minimum of 12 months allowance. Valid for applications between 1 January 2013 to 31 March 2013 to Motability Operations Limited (Registered Company No. 1373876), City Gate House, 22 Southwark Bridge Road, London SE1 9HB. Promoter is Honda Motor Europe Limited trading as Honda (UK) at 470 London Road, Slough, Berkshire SL3 8QY.



PROMOTE YOUR
BUSINESS with KOS TV
from as little as **£1.37** per day

www.kentnews.co.uk

Over 80,000 unique visitors per month

ARCHANT } **KOS MEDIA**

For more information please
call Maria on 01303 817126
email maria.george@archant.co.uk

**TO ADVERTISE:**TELEPHONE: **01303 817056**FAX: **01303 817001**EMAIL: **appointments@kosmedia.co.uk**

- | | | | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accounting and Finance Admin, Secretarial, PA Agriculture/Horticulture Architects, Surveyors Banking and Insurance Call Centres Cleaning and Domestic Construction Customer Services Education and Teaching | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entertainment Environment Fashion, Hair, Beauty Health and Safety HM Forces and Defence Hospitality and Catering Human Resources IT, Telecoms Law Enforcement/Security Legal | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintenance Management and Business Manufacture, Production Marketing and PR Mechanical/Engineering Media, Creative, Design Medical and Carers Public Sector Recruitment Retail | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sales Science and Pharmaceutical Shipping and Offshore Skilled Trades Sports and Fitness Transport and Delivery Travel and Tourism Veterinary/Animal Services Voluntary Work Warehousing and Logistics |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

**THE NEW SCHOOL AT WEST HEATH SEVENOAKS***"Rebuilding lives through education"*

Principal & Chief Executive: Mrs Christina Wells (BA Hons.)

The New School at West Heath is a Specialist Independent residential School catering for a diverse range of needs for boys and girls age 10- 19, many of whom have emotional and social communication difficulties. We are based in Sevenoaks in Kent.

We are a great team, and together with our therapeutic and academic approach we are able to achieve great things for our students. As a team we share a real desire to set a new, even higher standard of care in education and you can help us achieve this goal. The School has approval status from the DJCS and has an excellent rapport with both parents and the Local Authorities.

Please see our website for Ofsted and Investors in People reports

We are looking to appoint enthusiastic, flexible and innovative **Full Time Teachers**
We offer Teacher rates of pay (Fringe) and SEN allowance

- **FACULTY LEADER of MATHS - L1 to L6 • FACULTY LEADER OF ENGLISH - L1 to L6**
- **CATERING TEACHER - M1 to M6 + SEN**

All posts are from September 2013

The successful candidates will have the following:

- excellent specialist subject knowledge and skills and experience of teaching effectively up to GCSE and A level
- develop an innovative and creative learning environment
- have the ability to work effectively within a team
- teach across ability range in KS3 & KS4
- the commitment to pursue opportunities for CPD

Application form, Job Descriptions and for further details about our school please visit our website on www.westheathschool.com or contact Lynne McGrath on lynn.mcgrath@westheathschool.com or tel 01732 460 553

Closing date for applications is 15th March 2013

The successful applicants will be subject to an Enhanced CRB check.

The New School at West Heath is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Nursing Home (Folkestone) opening in April 13

Requires Qualified Nurses RMN/RGN and Carers.

F/T, P/T & Flexi hrs.

Application enquiry via abbeyleas@gmail.com
& Tel: **07727092224 / 07802456820.**

Salary negotiable

Experienced Part Time Stylist

required for maternity cover.
2½-3days a week in Gravesend area. Must have a minimum of 5 years shop experience. References Required.

Please call **Karen on 01474 533978****Bricklayers, Price Gangs & Site Foreperson**

Required

For long run of work within Tonbridge & Central London.

Good rates !

Phone: **01621 810573**

Or apply on line

www.brickwork-contractors.com**Career opportunities at MidKent College**

MidKent College based in the Medway Towns and Maidstone is seeking to appoint outstanding individuals in the following areas:

A-Level Chemistry Lecturer - Hourly Paid Ref: P019

Salary: £24.07 - £27.92
(Dependant on qualifications & experience)
Medway Campus

The College is looking for an excellent candidate to participate in the delivery of A' level Chemistry courses. The ideal candidate will have experience of teaching A level in an FE or Sixth Form environment and will have up to date and sound working knowledge of level 3 study with a track record of success. The successful candidate will have obtained a degree in chemistry and hold, or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification.

Closing date: 15/03/2013

MidKent College and RBLI Employment Solutions are working in partnership to support disabled applicants. For assistance please contact RBLI on 0800783114 or visit their website www.rbli.co.uk

To apply for this position please contact
job.applications@midkent.ac.uk

The College is committed to safeguarding young people and vulnerable adults therefore any offer of employment will be subject to a CRB check.

**2 x Carer Support Workers**

Starting salary £18,200 - £19,500 per annum 37.5 hrs per week
One year fixed term (with possibility to extend)

Administrator

Starting salary £19,000 - £22,000 per annum 37.5 hrs per week
One year fixed term (with possibility to extend)

We are one of the lead members of the East Kent Carers' Consortium and have recently been awarded the contract to deliver services to Carers across the Dover District, Thanet and Canterbury & Coastal areas from April 2013. We must meet the requirements of a demanding service specification. This is an exciting time for us and we are looking to recruit some additional staff to help us rise to the challenges we face.

We are committed to providing consistently high quality support and advice services (both practical and emotional), to Carers across our area, and to reaching Carers who may face particular problems in finding the help they need to carry on caring.

Carer Support Worker: We are looking for a confident, versatile, sensitive and articulate person who will work with us to support Carers and to develop and deliver new services across the localities. Your main role will be to provide support and information to Carers on the phone or to those calling in at our Carers' Centre. You will also liaise with other agencies, make and take referrals, facilitate, develop and deliver outreach services and events.

This position is mainly office based, however you will be required to travel outside the office to attend meetings, complete one to one Carer's Assessments in clients' homes, to deliver outreach services and represent the organisation at external events.

A full driving licence and your own transport are essential.

Administrator: We are looking for an experienced Administrator to be a key figure in supporting the C.E.O. and the Deputy in the smooth running of the organisation. You will need to be an enthusiastic and motivated person with excellent literacy and numeracy skills. The ideal candidate will have an excellent working knowledge of SAGE and Excel.

For an application pack, please write to:

Tricia Cole CEO
Carers' Support - Dover District & Thanet
80 Middle Street, Deal, Kent CT14 6HL

or email: tricia@carers-doverdistrict.org

Closing date: For returned applications by 14th March 2013.

Interviews will be held on Thursday 21st March 2013.

Registered Charity No.1136904 Co Ltd by Guarantee no.7213672

KM CHARITY OF THE YEAR 2011 FOR THE DOVER DISTRICT

**"We grow people"**

"An outstanding school"
(Ofsted July 2010 & October 2012)

We are currently looking for....
TEACHING ASSISTANTS

to join and enhance our large and expanding, high calibre team.

Medway Scale, Grade D2
£15,039 - £19,126 pro-rata
+ SEN Allowance (£1,177)

Are you committed, motivated and enthusiastic? Can you make a difference? If so, share your talents and expertise with us.

Abbey Court is located on 2 sites; Rainham (Nursery and Primary) and Strood (Secondary and Further Education), and caters for pupils aged 3-19 with Severe Learning Difficulties. Working hours are 32.5 p/w (8.45am - 3.45pm), term time only. Comprehensive training and induction will be provided.

Only those with childcare experience, or relevant childcare qualifications should apply.

Due to the conditions and complex needs of the pupils at Abbey Court School, continuity and consistency of support is paramount and therefore candidates for all positions will need to commit to the full working hours of the post.

This School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of appointment for post is subject to a satisfactory Criminal Record Bureau Disclosure.

For an application pack,
please write to / telephone
(stating the role for which
you are applying):

Mrs Linda Taylor, Abbey Court School,
Rede Court Road, Strood, Kent. ME2 3SP
(01634 338236)

Please note CVs will not be accepted.
Closing date: 22.3.13



The Spencer Private Hospital is an independently owned and managed private hospital. We have a 4 bed unit at the William Harvey Hospital in Ashford and a 22 bed unit situated on the QEOM Hospital site.

The continuing growth of our business has resulted in vacancies for the following staff:

Staff Nurse (Margate)

1 Year contract (to cover Maternity Leave)
wef April 2013
Nights Only
30 hours per week

Closing date for applications
Friday 15 March 2013

To discuss this opportunity or to arrange an informal visit, please contact:

Mary Guarnieri, Matron - 01843 234252

For job description and application form please contact:

Jo Edwards
East Kent Medical Services Ltd
The Spencer Private Hospital
2nd Floor, Atina House
Bench Street
Dover
Kent CT16 1JH

Telephone: 01304 245951
Fax: 01304 207320

E-mail: jo.edwards@spencerhospitals.com

The Spencer Private Hospital is an equal opportunity employer. This position is subject to a Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure check



Public Sector

You can also find the latest jobs online: www.jobs24.co.uk/kent

KOSMEDIA | Telephone: 01303 817056 | Fax: 01303 817001 | Email: appointments@kosmedia.co.uk | Online: www.jobs24.co.uk/kent

LEGAL AND PUBLIC NOTICES

ASHFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE ACT 1992 - COUNCIL TAX 2013/2014

In accordance with section 38(2) of the Act the Council gives notice of the amount of Council Tax set for each valuation band within its area for the financial year 2013/2014

PARISH	BAND A	BAND B	BAND C	BAND D	BAND E	BAND F	BAND G	BAND H
Aldington & Bonnington	956.85	1,116.32	1,275.80	1,435.27	1,754.22	2,073.17	2,392.12	2,870.54
Appledore	979.23	1,142.43	1,305.64	1,468.84	1,795.25	2,121.66	2,448.07	2,937.68
Bethersden	953.95	1,112.94	1,271.93	1,430.92	1,748.90	2,066.88	2,384.87	2,861.84
Biddenden	962.58	1,123.01	1,283.44	1,443.87	1,764.73	2,085.59	2,406.45	2,887.74
Bilsington	948.97	1,107.13	1,265.29	1,423.45	1,739.77	2,056.09	2,372.42	2,846.90
Boughton Aluph and Eastwell	945.07	1,102.59	1,260.10	1,417.61	1,732.63	2,047.66	2,362.68	2,835.22
Brabourne	951.31	1,109.87	1,268.42	1,426.97	1,744.07	2,061.18	2,378.28	2,853.94
Brook	957.09	1,116.61	1,276.12	1,435.64	1,754.67	2,073.70	2,392.73	2,871.28
Challock	958.69	1,118.48	1,278.26	1,438.04	1,757.60	2,077.17	2,396.73	2,876.08
Charing	972.74	1,134.86	1,296.99	1,459.11	1,783.36	2,107.60	2,431.85	2,918.22
Chilham	957.96	1,117.62	1,277.28	1,436.94	1,756.26	2,075.58	2,394.90	2,873.88
Crundale (PM)	936.57	1,092.66	1,248.76	1,404.85	1,717.04	2,029.23	2,341.42	2,809.70
Egerton	954.75	1,113.87	1,273.00	1,432.12	1,750.37	2,068.62	2,386.87	2,864.24
Godmersham	950.13	1,108.48	1,266.84	1,425.19	1,741.90	2,058.61	2,375.32	2,850.38
Great Chart with Singleton	954.79	1,113.93	1,273.06	1,432.19	1,750.45	2,068.72	2,386.98	2,864.38
Hastingleigh	952.23	1,110.94	1,269.64	1,428.35	1,745.76	2,063.17	2,380.58	2,856.70
High Halden	951.96	1,110.62	1,269.28	1,427.94	1,745.26	2,062.58	2,379.90	2,855.88
Hothfield	959.37	1,119.27	1,279.16	1,439.06	1,758.85	2,078.64	2,398.43	2,878.12
Kenardington	961.28	1,121.49	1,281.71	1,441.92	1,762.35	2,082.77	2,403.20	2,883.84
Kingsnorth	950.43	1,108.84	1,267.24	1,425.65	1,742.46	2,059.27	2,376.08	2,851.30
Little Chart	966.73	1,127.86	1,288.98	1,450.10	1,772.34	2,094.59	2,416.83	2,900.20
Mersham and Sevington	947.89	1,105.87	1,263.85	1,421.83	1,737.79	2,053.75	2,369.72	2,843.66
Molash	960.02	1,120.02	1,280.03	1,440.03	1,760.04	2,080.04	2,400.05	2,880.06
Newenden	967.28	1,128.49	1,289.71	1,450.92	1,773.35	2,095.77	2,418.20	2,901.84
Orestone	951.25	1,109.80	1,268.34	1,426.88	1,743.96	2,061.05	2,378.13	2,853.76
Pluckley	971.02	1,132.86	1,294.69	1,456.53	1,780.20	2,103.88	2,427.55	2,913.06
Roveniden	955.26	1,114.47	1,273.68	1,432.89	1,751.31	2,069.73	2,388.15	2,865.78
Ruckinge	953.83	1,112.80	1,271.77	1,430.74	1,748.68	2,066.62	2,384.57	2,861.48
Shadoxhurst	951.01	1,109.51	1,268.01	1,426.51	1,743.51	2,060.51	2,377.52	2,853.02
Smarden	963.15	1,123.68	1,284.20	1,444.73	1,765.78	2,086.83	2,407.88	2,889.46
Smeeth	951.25	1,109.80	1,268.34	1,426.88	1,743.96	2,061.05	2,378.13	2,853.76
Stanhope	944.55	1,101.97	1,259.40	1,416.82	1,731.67	2,046.52	2,361.37	2,833.64
Stone	948.59	1,106.69	1,264.79	1,422.89	1,739.09	2,055.29	2,371.48	2,845.78
Tenterden (TC)	995.17	1,161.04	1,326.90	1,492.76	1,824.48	2,156.21	2,487.93	2,985.52
Warehorne	945.97	1,103.64	1,261.30	1,418.96	1,734.28	2,049.61	2,364.93	2,837.92
Westwell	967.22	1,128.42	1,289.63	1,450.83	1,773.24	2,095.64	2,418.05	2,901.66
Wittersham	960.07	1,120.09	1,280.10	1,440.11	1,760.13	2,080.16	2,400.18	2,880.22
Woodchurch	951.66	1,110.27	1,268.88	1,427.49	1,744.71	2,061.93	2,379.15	2,854.98
Wye with Hinxhill	971.99	1,133.99	1,295.99	1,457.99	1,781.99	2,105.99	2,429.98	2,915.98
Unparished Area	935.10	1,090.95	1,246.80	1,402.65	1,714.35	2,026.05	2,337.75	2,805.30

In accordance with section 75(6) of the Local Government Act 2003 and section 12(6) of the Local Government Finance Act 2012 the Council gives notice of a determination of Council Tax discounts/premiums from 1 April 2013 as follows:

Second homes - dwellings which are normally unoccupied and furnished will receive a discount of 0%.

Empty properties - dwellings which are normally unoccupied and unfurnished for a period of 6 weeks or less will receive a discount of 100%.

Long term empty properties - dwellings which are normally unoccupied and unfurnished for a period of longer than 6 weeks but less than 2 years will receive a discount of 0%.

Long term empty properties - dwellings which are normally unoccupied and unfurnished for a period of longer than 2 years or more will receive a discount of 0% and have the Council Tax charged increased by 50%

Empty and unfurnished properties requiring or undergoing structural repair or alteration or major repair works will receive a discount of 100% for up to 12 months.

Local discount - exceptions to the above (as defined in the above Acts) and dwellings meeting locally defined criteria will receive a discount of 50%.

Dated 7th March 2013

T W Mortimer, Head of Legal and Democratic Services, Ashford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford, Kent, TN23 1PL

COUNCILLORS' ALLOWANCES

Members' Allowances Scheme 2013/14

In accordance with The Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 No. 1021 Part 3 (16) the Council is required after making or amending a scheme to make arrangements for its publication. Full Council on 20 February 2013 considered the recommendations of the Joint Independent Remuneration Panel and agreed an alternative lowest cost scheme from 2013/14 thereby complying with its duty under regulation 19. Full details are available on the Council's website www.tunbridge Wells.gov.uk under part 7 of the Constitution. The basic and special responsibility allowances payable under the Members' Allowance Scheme for the financial year 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014 are as follows:

	Allowance (£)
Basic Allowance for all Councillors	5,500
Minority Group Leaders	275 per member (incl. leader)
Special Responsibility Allowances	
Leader	19,250
Cabinet Member	11,000
Chairman of Scrutiny Committee	1,375
Chairman of Licensing	1,375
Chairman of General Purposes	1,375
Chairman of Joint Transportation Board	1,375
Chairman of Audit & Governance Committee	1,375
Chairman of Planning Committee	5,500
Vice Chairman of Planning Committee	1,320
Other Allowances	
Co-opted Members and Independent Members of Audit & Governance Committee	800

The number of Special Responsibility Allowances and the overall cost of the scheme have been reduced. Only one Special Responsibility Allowance may be claimed in addition to the Basic Allowance, except for Minority Group Leaders.

In accordance with Part 3 (13) of the Regulations any member may elect to forego all or part of his/her entitlement to allowances by notifying the Head of Finance and Governance.

In addition, the following travel and subsistence allowances are also payable under the Members' Allowances Scheme:-

Childcare and Dependent Carers' Allowance

An allowance for any approved duty of £6.19 per hour per child and £16.00 per hour respectively.

Travel Allowance Rates:

The motor vehicle mileage rates will be paid in accordance with the approved mileage rates published by HM Revenues and Customs. The current rates are as follows:

	First 10,000 business miles in a tax year	Each business mile over 10,000 in a tax year
Cars and vans	45p	25p
Motor cycles	24p	24p
Bicycles	20p	20p

Re-imbursement will be limited to comparable costs of using public transport where the Head of Finance and Governance determines that public transport was a practical alternative. Travel by Bus, Rail and Taxi will be the actual standard fare paid.

Subsistence Allowances:

Rates are those published by the South East Employers for 2011/1 and frozen. Re-imbursement is upon submission of a receipt up to a maximum of:-

Breakfast £6.88

Lunch £9.50

Dinner £11.76

Accommodation: reasonable actual cost

Paper copies of any of the above documents can also be provided by contacting Democratic Services, on 01892 554219. These documents can also be viewed during office hours at the Gateway customer centre in Grosvenor Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells.

Lee M. Colyer CPFA
Head of Finance & Governance (s151 Officer)
Town Hall
Royal Tunbridge Wells
Kent TN11 1RS

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Notice of application for renewal of a Sex Establishment Licence pursuant to Schedule 3 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982

TAKE NOTICE that on 4th March 2013 James Pemble applied to Maidstone Borough Council for the renewal of a sex establishment licence in respect of Players Gentlemen's Club, 57, High Street, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1SY

DAYS AND HOURS OF OPERATION: Mondays to Sundays inclusive from 19.00 to 02.00 hours and on New Year's Eve - 19.00 - 03.00

ACTIVITY: sexual entertainment venue

The application may be inspected at the offices of the Licensing Department, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, ME15 6JQ

ANY PERSON wishing to make objections on the application shall do so in writing at the Council Offices to the Senior Licensing Officer, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, ME15 6JQ or by e-mail at licensing@maidstone.gov.uk. The grounds of the objection must be stated in general terms. The objection must be received by the Council no later than 25th March 2013.

Name: James Pemble
Organisation: Players,
Address: 57, High Street, MAIDSTONE, KENT ME14 1SY
Date: 4th March 2013

PUBLIC NOTICE

LICENSING ACT 2003

Variation of Premises Licence

We John Meredith Freeman and Julie Reeman hereby give notice that we have made an application to the Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ for variation of a premises licence for the following licensable activities:

- To extend the provision of late night refreshment from 23:45 hours to 00:45 hours daily.
- To extend the provision of regulated entertainment to include provision of plays, live music and ant other similar forms of entertainment daily
- To extend the provision of regulated entertainment to permit provision between 12.00 and 24.00 hours daily
- To extend the hours for sale of alcohol from 23.00 hours to 24.00 daily and
- To extend the opening hours from 24.00 hours to 01.00.00 daily
- To extend the hours for all licensable activities until 02.00 and opening hours until 02.30 On New Year's Eve.

In respect of the premises situated at Pilgrims Way, Thurnham, Maidstone, Kent ME14 3LD and known by the sign of The Pilgrim Suite. The application can be viewed at the offices of the Licensing Authority, Maidstone Borough Council ,Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ between 9.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m - Monday to Friday except public holidays) www.maidstone.gov.uk

Interested parties and responsible authorities may make representation concerning this application in writing to the above local authority and within 28 consecutive days of the submission of the application, that is no later than 27th March 2013.

It is an offence to knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. Any person who makes a false statement is liable on summary conviction to a maximum fine of £5,000.

Stephen Thomas LAW solicitors,
8 Grassmere, Leybourne, West Malling, Kent. ME19 5QP
Authorised Agents for and on behalf of the applicants.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE

Call 01303 817056 www.kentnews.co.uk

PLANNING

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

DA/98/331/MR28/R21 - Proposed development at Darenth Court Quarry, Darenth Road, Darenth, Dartford, Kent.

J Clubb Ltd is applying to Kent County Council for planning permission for replacement of Ready Mix Concrete Plant pursuant to condition 21 of planning permission DA/98/331/MR28.

You may view this application at Dartford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Home Gardens, Dartford, Kent, DA11 1DR.

We accept comments online via our website, by email to planning.applications@kent.gov.uk or in writing to Planning Applications Group, Kent County Council, First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX within 21 days from the date of this notice. Please quote the application reference number and note that comments may be drawn to the attention of Council Members, the applicant and other interested persons and may include publishing on the Borough Council website.

Sharon Thompson
Head of Planning
Applications Group
Kent County Council
Dated: 10th March 2013

To advertise in this section

01303 817056

BE PART OF YOUR COMMUNITY

Advertise here Call 01303 817056 www.kentnews.co.uk

PLANNING



Planning applications

Notice under Article 8 of the Town & Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995
Notice under Section 67 and/or Section 73 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990
Notice under Regulation 5 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990
Notice under Regulation 5A of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2004

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the council:

CA//13/00160/FUL: 40 High Street, Canterbury, CT1 2RY Insertion of door at entrance to alleyway. Applicant: Universities Superannuation Scheme Ltd Reason: Setting of listed building in conservation area.
CA//13/00162/LB: 40 High Street, Canterbury, CT1 2RY Insertion of door at entrance to alleyway. Applicant: Universities Superannuation Scheme Ltd Reason: Affects the setting of a listed building.
CA//13/00242/TPO: Tanglewood, Patixbourne Road, Bridge, CT4 5BL To crown lift, remove ivy and to cut down to ground level identified trees, and plant replacements. Applicant: Mr Spencer Reason: Conservation area.
CA//13/00246/FUL: 4 Albert Street, Whitstable, CT5 1HP Replacement of existing windows to front and rear of dwelling with double glazed wooden sash windows. Applicant: Mr N Hill Reason: Conservation area.
CA//13/00279/FUL: 32 Island Wall, Whitstable, CT5 1EP Widening of rear annex and changing main roof to incorporate a loft conversion. Applicant: Mr and Mrs Cawthorne Reason: Conservation area.
CA//13/00344/LB: The Swan Inn, High Street, Sturry, CT2 0BD Internal alterations involving conversion of roofspace, installation of staircase, en-suite shower room, boiler room and lobby. Applicant: Augustus Moon LLP Reason: Work to a listed building.
CA//13/00354/ADV: 65-67 High Street, Whitstable, CT5 1AU Installation of two sets of logo and letters internally illuminated on fascia sign and internally illuminated projecting signs. Applicant: Barclays Bank Plc Reason: Conservation area.
CA//13/00361/FUL: Salvation Army, White Horse Lane, Canterbury, CT1 2RU Removal of existing aluminium framed shop front and installation of new painted timber shop front with timber moulded stall riser. Applicant: Property and Facilities Services Reason: Conservation area.
CA//13/00363/LB: Charlton Place, Charlton Park, Bishopsbourne, CT4 5JA Replacement of window with external door. Applicant: Mrs Twigg Reason: Work to a listed building.
CA//13/00364/LB: Canterbury West Railway Station, Station Road West, Canterbury, CT2 8AN Retrospective listed building consent for the erection of a 52" LCD information screen. Applicant: Network Rail Reason: Affects the setting of a listed building.
CA//13/00368/TAM: land outside of St Alphege School, Oxford Street, Whitstable Installation of telecommunications cabinet. Applicant: Openreach Reason: Conservation area.
CA//13/00376/LB: The Old Harlotry, 66 Northgate, Canterbury, CT1 1BB Rebuilding of listed wall in car park to rear of property using existing materials. Applicant: Mrs Litvack Reason: Work to a listed building.

Any representations should be sent in writing to the Head of Planning and Regeneration, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW or e-mailed to development.management@canterbury.gov.uk to arrive on or before Monday 1 April 2013.

The weekly list of applications can be viewed on our website at: www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc

Ian Brown, Head of Planning and Regeneration
Friday 8 March 2013

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE

Call 01303 817056
www.kentnews.co.uk



TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

Swale Borough Council as Local Planning Authority has received the following applications which are being advertised to ascertain the views of persons living near the sites and other interested parties. The proposed developments relate to one or more of the following:

1. The site of the application is within/affecting a designated Conservation Area (Section 73) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.
2. The proposed development may affect the Listed Building or it's setting.
3. The application is for a Major Development.
4. The application would affect a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) applies.
5. The application does not accord with the provisions of the Development Plan.
6. This application may be of wider public interest.
8. This application is accompanied as an Environmental Statement.

REPRESENTATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 25 MARCH 2013.

SW/13/0007:
Permanent change of use of land from agriculture to agriculture and seasonal use as a boot fair on Sundays and Bank Holidays between 1st March and 31st October - Land south of Leysdown Road (Caesar's Field), LEYSDOWN; REASONS 3 & 4

SW/13/0136:
Development of pre-delivery vehicle inspection centre through demolition of Rubb Tent Workshop and part of main workshop; erection of 5.182sqm extension to main workshop; erection of canopy to two sides of building; and refurbishment and alterations to workshop and compound - Park Central, Cullet Drive, QUEENBOROUGH; REASON 3

SW/13/0150:
Hip to gable roof extension - 36 Sandford Road, SITTINGBOURNE; REASON 4

SW/13/0190:
Single storey rear extension - 11 Forge Lane, UPCHURCH; REASON 1

SW/13/0215:
Construction of business park (use classes B1(B), B1(C), B2 and (B8), [research and development, light industrial, general industrial and storage or distribution], (up to a maximum of 43,000sqm), including associated accesses (including alteration to existing northern relief road), parking and servicing areas, landscaping, bunds, surface water storage area, and related development - Eurolink V / Land North of Swale Way, SITTINGBOURNE; REASONS 2,3,5,6 & 8

Particulars of the proposal(s) can be obtained from Planning Services, Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, where copies of the applications and all documents submitted with them may be inspected during office hours; any representations should be made in writing to this address.

James Freeman
Head of Planning



THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING
(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE)
(ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the Council:

Y13/0127/SH* - 4 Defiant Close Hawkinge Kent CT18 7SU - Erection of a 3 storey mixed use block of 2 ground floor commercial units (Classes A1, A2, A3, B1) and 16 apartments above (alternative block 4 to that approved under Y10/0739/SH).

Y13/0149/SH - The Well House St Marys Road Elham Canterbury Kent - 5 metre reduction in height of 2 Conifer trees situated within a conservation area.

Y13/0101/SH - 45 The Street Hawkinge Folkestone Kent CT18 7DD - Listed building consent for installation of french doors to side (north) elevation.

Y13/0126/SH - Site of 1 Trinity Gardens Folkestone Kent - Installation of a telecommunications cabinet (telecommunication development 56 day notification).

Y13/0140/SH+ - 100 High Street Hythe Kent CT21 5LE - Retrospective application for consent to display an externally illuminated fascia sign.

Y13/0166/SH - 52 - 54 Guildhall Street Folkestone Kent CT20 1EE - Erection of a four-storey block fronting Guildhall Street with basement and upper floor set within roofspace comprising two retail shops (Class A1) and seven self-contained flats and erection of a four-storey block fronting St Eanswythes Way comprising seven self-contained flats, associated bicycle and bin store, following demolition of redundant shop (Resubmission of application Y11/0766/SH).

Any representations should be made in writing to the Head of Planning, Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY or emailed to planning@shepway.gov.uk. Comments should be made in writing within 21 days from the date of publication. It should be noted that any representations received will be made available for public inspection.

Some applications can be viewed at other locations in addition to the Civic Centre, Folkestone. The applications are marked as follows:

- # - The One Stop Shop, Magpies, Church Approach, New Romney
- + - Hythe Town Council Offices, Stade Street, Hythe

Applications can be viewed and comments made online at <http://searchplanapps.shepway.gov.uk/online-applications/>.

The applications marked (*) do not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated.

C Lewis, Head of Planning
Shepway District Council

To advertise in this section

01303 817056

Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

13/00219/LBC Fig Tree Cottage & Church Cottage The Green, Benenden
- Listed Building Consent: Renewal of roof tiles, treat all wood rafters/beams etc, insulate roof, repair damaged/bee/infested timbers, renew hanging tiles to insulate timber panels and insert lead soakers etc. Replace window/door frames/casements, build new oak porch to replace existing softwood. Carry out repointing where necessary to external brickwork. New plastic guttering/down pipes. Carry out improvements to all electrics, plumbing and heating. Decorate external and internal (LB)

13/00334/HOUSE Elmhurst Dundle Road, Brencley
- Recover roof with new tiles to match existing, incorporating two rooflights and insulation. Erect partitions to second floor and introduce sanitary fittings. Rearrange kitchen and playroom (LB)

13/00336/LBC Elmhurst Dundle Road, Brencley
- Listed Building Consent: Recover roof with new tiles to match existing, incorporating two rooflights and insulation. Erect partitions to second floor and introduce sanitary fittings. Rearrange kitchen and playroom (LB)

13/00439/FUL Sissinghurst Primary School The Street, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst
- Partial demolition of redundant school buildings, change of use and conversion of former primary school to 3 residential units and community use hall and erection of 6 three bed terraced dwellings, parking barn and open parking facilities (CA) (LB)

13/00409/HOUSE 18 Molyneux Park Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Culverden
- New dormer at rear (CA)

13/00442/HOUSE 4 Earls Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Culverden
- Infill rear corner of house at first floor level, provide half hipped roof and convert loft void to form habitable accommodation, two dormer windows and one roof window to rear roof slope (CA)

13/00410/HOUSE Poundlands Farm Biddenden Road, Frittenden
- Extension of Time: Demolition of former barracks building; Erection of single outbuilding containing garage/pool room and stables, outdoor swimming pool and tennis court with 2.75m high upvc covered chain link fence (TW/10/01276/HOUSE refers) (LB)

13/00459/LBC Tower Cottage Bedgebury Road, Goudhurst
- Listed Building Consent: Demolish non-load bearing wall between kitchen & lounge; New insulated concrete ground in kitchen & lounge on damp proof membrane; Rebuild wall in same position off new dpc (LB)

13/00388/HOUSE Dymoke Cottage Northgrove Road, Hawkhurst
- Removal of Condition 4 of TW/10/02000/HOUSE - The annexe hereby permitted shall not be occupied at any time other than for purposes ancillary to the residential use of the dwelling known as Dymoke Cottage (CA) (LB)

13/00402/FUL Remingtons Farm Land & Buildings Lamberhurst Road, Horsmonden
- Demolition of hop picking machine shed. Change of use and conversion of oasthouse to dwelling including alterations to stowage roof, double pitch over main cooling floor, new fencing, gates and detached double garage and garden store (LB)

12/03498/FUL The Vineyard The Down, Lamberhurst
- Open sided detached outbuilding containing summer bar area (LB) (CA)

12/03515/LBC The Vineyard The Down, Lamberhurst
- Listed Building Consent: Open sided detached outbuilding containing summer bar area (LB)

13/00257/OUTMJ Charles Trent Ltd Willow Lane, Paddock Wood
- Outline - Access and layout not reserved - residential development of existing car salvage/end of life vehicle processing and storage operation for Charles Trent Limited (DEVPLN) (MAJOR)

13/00320/FUL Troika International 14B Chapel Place, Pantiles & St Marks
- Change of use and conversion of first and second floor premises from offices to residential accommodation providing 1 x 2-bedroom flat and 2 x 1-bedroom flats (CA) (LB)

13/00363/LBC 1A, 1B, 1C Bedford Terrace Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks
- Listed Building Consent: Retention of flue and boiler overflow pipe (works already carried out). Relocation of gas pipes (LB)

13/00403/HOUSE 41B Broadwater Down Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks
- Demolish existing garage and erect a single storey rear/side extension together with general alterations (CA)

13/00375/FULMJ Notcutts Garden Centre Tonbridge Road, Pembury
- Temporary garden centre building, external sales and display area and covered goods storage area required for 18 months to allow continued trading through construction of permanent new premises (DEVPLN) (MAJOR)

13/00414/FUL Public Conveniences Pennington Road, Southborough Town Council
- Change of use of public conveniences to A3 (CA)

13/00407/HOUSE 1 Holly Cottage Speldhurst Road, Speldhurst
- Single-storey side extension (CA)

13/00426/HOUSE The Oast House Lower Church Farm, Speldhurst
- Demolition of garden shed and erection of double garage with log store (CA)

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk), at the The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

James Freeman
Head of Planning Services,
Tunbridge Wells Borough Council
Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS

Dated: 09 March 2013



THE MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Town and Country Planning Act
Notice of Applications

MA/12/2201/N - THE HARROW INN, THE STREET, ULCOMBE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1DP - Conversion of existing A4 public house to C3 dwelling and A4 public house with erection of two storey extension to provide ancillary staff accommodation. Reason: 1

MA/12/2264/N - 32, HIGH STREET, LENHAM, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 2QD - Listed building consent is sought for the installation of replacement timber windows, door and frames. Reason: 2, 3

MA/13/0203/N - PHILMARA, THE STREET, WORMSHILL, SITTINGBOURNE, KENT, ME9 0TU - Erection of a rear conservatory. Reason: 1

MA/13/0235/S - TUTSHAM FARM, HUNT STREET, WEST FARLEIGH, KENT, ME15 0NE - Retrospective application for conversion of stable to a single live/work unit. Reason: 1

Reasons for advertisement key:

- 1 - Applications affects the setting of a Listed Building.
- 2 - Application affects the setting of a Conservation Area.
- 3 - Application is for Listed Building Consent.



Copies of applications listed may be seen at Maidstone Gateway, Maidstone during office hours (Monday to Wednesday 8.30am to 5.30pm, Thursday 8.30am to 7pm, Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm). Any representations should be made in writing to me by no later than 24th March 2013, quoting the application number.

Rob Jarman, Head of Development Management, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ. Dated: 10th March 2013

Whatever
job you
are
looking
for we
will help
you
find it

● Upload your
CV and let
recruiters find
you

● Easy online
Job search
and
application
tools

● Register to
receive the
latest jobs
delivered to
your inbox

jobs24.co.uk
Incorporating JobsforKent.co.uk

It's jobs
for
Kent

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY & VILLAGE GREENS

PROW - IN THE BOROUGH OF ASHFORD**NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER****HIGHWAYS ACT 1980****WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981****THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL****(PUBLIC FOOTPATH AW366 (PART) CHARING)****PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT****MODIFICATION ORDER 2012**

On 14TH January 2013 The Kent County Council confirmed the above Order under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980.

The effect of that Order as confirmed is to divert the entire width of that length of public footpath numbered AW366 which commences at NGR TQ 92633 48765 (Point A) and runs in a north north easterly direction, thence in a northerly direction for 270 metres, where it enters the main complex of school buildings at NGR TQ 92696 49021 (Point B). The path then turns in a west north westerly direction for 13 metres, thence in a northerly direction for 24 metres and thence in a north westerly direction for 11 metres, where it exits the main complex of school buildings at NGR TQ 92677 49062 (Point C). The path then turns in a north north easterly direction for 64 metres to its connection for Egerton Road (C144) at NGR TQ 92705 49119 (Point D) and will add a new length of public footpath numbered AW366, which commences at NGR TQ 92633 48765 (Point A) and runs in a north north westerly direction for 5.5 metres. At this point the path passes through a 2 metre wide gap in the boundary fencing (Point H on the Order Plan). The path continues to run in north north westerly direction for 64 metres, where the path passes through another 2 metres wide gap in the boundary fencing (Point I on the Order Plan). The path continues to run in a north north westerly direction for a further 92 metres before passing through another 2 metre wide gap in the boundary fencing (Point J on the Order Plan). The path continues to run in a north north westerly direction for 6 metres where it passes onto a defunct access track at NGR TQ 92592 48928 (Point E). The path then turns to run in a north north easterly direction - along the defunct access track - for 114 metres to NGR TQ 92636 49032 (Point F), where it leaves the old access track, and thence in a northerly direction for 64 metres, where it passes through a 2 metres wide gap in the hedge - located on the school boundary - at NGR TQ 92639 49097 (Point X), then immediately crosses a sleeper bridge - over a drainage ditch - for a distance of 1.2 metres and thence continues for 1.5 metres to its connection with Egerton Road (C144) at a point 3.5 metres west of the schools access drive at NGR TQ 92640 49100 (Point G).

Please see Part II of the Order for details relating to widths.

All directions general, all distances approximate.

A copy of the Order as confirmed and the Order Map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Offices of Ashford Borough Council, Ashford Gateway Plus, Church Road, Ashford, Kent, TN23 1AS or at the Kent County Council, Public Rights of Way and Access Service, Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX. Copies of the Order and Map may be purchased there at the price of £5.

The Order comes into force on 11 February 2013, but if a person aggrieved by the Order wants to question its validity, or that of any provision contained in it, on the ground that it is not within the powers of the Highways Act 1980, as amended, or on the ground that any

requirement of the Act, as amended, or of any regulation made under the Act which has not been complied with in relation to the Order, he or she may under Paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the Act as applied by Paragraph 5 of Schedule 6 to the Act, within 6 weeks from the 10 March 2013, make an application to the High Court.

NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE BYWAY AT61**IN THE PARISH OF ROLVENDEN****BYWAY AT61****(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013****ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 SECTION 14(1), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Kent County Council has made an Order the effect of which is to temporarily close Byway AT61 between its junction with Alder Lane at NGR TQ833,301 and its junction with Byway AT60 at NGR TQ833 307 from 4th March 2013.

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months, although it may reopen sooner depending on completion of repair works.

The path is closed because sections of the path are waterlogged and impassable, and there is a likelihood of danger to the public.

There is no alternative route.

For detailed enquiries please contact Faye Faiers on 0845 3450210

Or for further details on temporary closures on the Rights of Way network see:

http://www.kent.gov.uk/environment_and_planning/countryside_access/traffic_regulation_orders.aspx

PROW - IN THE CITY OF CANTERBURY**NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH CW16****IN THE PARISH OF WHITSTABLE****PUBLIC FOOTPATH CW16****(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013****ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 SECTION 14(1), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Kent County Council has made an Order the effect of which is to temporarily close Public Footpath CW16, between Church Lane and Trade Winds from 4th March 2013.

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months. However it is expected that the path will reopen before April 2013.

The path will be closed because works are planned on it and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

The alternative route is via the pedestrian access from Church Lane to Thistle Drive, along Thistle Drive to Trade Winds, and will be signed for the duration of the closure.

For detailed enquiries please contact: Louise Adams on 0845 3450210.

Or for further details on temporary closures on the Rights of Way network see:

http://www.kent.gov.uk/environment_and_planning/countryside_access/traffic_regulation_orders.aspx

PROW - IN THE BOROUGH OF SWALE**NOTICE OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER****HIGHWAYS ACT 1980****WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981****THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL****(PUBLIC FOOTPATH ZF5 (PART) FAVERSHAM****PUBLIC PATH EXTINGUISHMENT AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT****MODIFICATION ORDER 2012**

The above named Order made on 21st December 2012 under Section 118 of the Highways Act 1980 will extinguish the entire width of that length of public footpath numbered ZF5 which commences at NGR TR 01721 61885 (Point A) and runs in a north easterly direction for 128 metres to NGR TR 01805 61978 (Point B) and thence in a north westerly direction for 57.5 metres to its connection with the unaffected section of Public Footpath ZF5 at NGR TR 01769 62024 (Point C). As shown on the Order Plan.

All directions general, all distances approximate.

A copy of the Order and the Map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Offices of Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT or at the Kent County Council, Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX. Copies of the Order and Map may be purchased there.

Any representation about or objection to the Order may be sent in writing to Sonia Coventry at the Kent County Council (address as below). (Tel: Sonia Coventry: 01622 221512) (email: sonia.coventry@kent.gov.uk) before 12th April 2013. Please state the grounds on which they are made.

Please note that objections/representations cannot be treated as confidential and may come into the public domain. Copies of any objections or representations received may be disclosed to interested parties, including the Planning Inspectorate where the case is referred to it for determination.

If no such representations or objections are duly made to the Order (or to any part of it), or if any so made are withdrawn, the Kent County Council may confirm the Order as an unopposed Order. If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment for confirmation any representations and objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER**HIGHWAYS ACT 1980****WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981****THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL****(PUBLIC FOOTPATH ZF42 FAVERSHAM)****PUBLIC PATH CREATION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT****MODIFICATION ORDER 2012**

The above named Order made on 21st December 2012 under Section 26 of the Highways Act 1980 will create a

new length of public footpath numbered ZF42 which commences at its connection with public footpath ZF5 at NGR TR 01721 61887 (Point A) and runs in a north north easterly direction for 42 metres to NGR TR 01743 61922 (Point B). The path then turns and runs alongside the boundary wall of Faversham Reach in a north westerly direction for 29 metres to NGR TR 01724 61942 (Point C) and thence runs in a north north easterly direction - continuing to run alongside the boundary wall of Faversham Reach - for 92 metres to its connection with public footpath ZF5 at NGR TR 01769 62024 (Point D) As shown on the Order Plan.

Please see Part II of the Order for details relating to widths.

All directions general, all distances approximate.

A copy of the Order and the Map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Offices of Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT or at the Kent County Council, Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX. Copies of the Order and Map may be purchased there.

Any representation about or objection to the Order may be sent in writing to Sonia Coventry at the Kent County Council (address as below). (Tel: Sonia Coventry: 01622 221512) (email: sonia.coventry@kent.gov.uk) before 12th April 2013. Please state the grounds on which they are made.

Please note that objections/representations cannot be treated as confidential and may come into the public domain. Copies of any objections or representations received may be disclosed to interested parties, including the Planning Inspectorate where the case is referred to it for determination.

If no such representations or objections are duly made to the Order (or to any part of it), or if any so made are withdrawn, the Kent County Council may confirm the Order as an unopposed Order. If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment for confirmation any representations and objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order.

Public Rights of Way and Access Service

Kent County Council

Invicta House

County Hall

Maidstone

Kent

ME14 1XX

Dated: 10th March 2013

This document is available in alternative formats and can be explained in a range of languages.

**For further information, please contact
Kent Public Rights of Way and Access Service,
on 0845 345 0210 (Mon-Fri 8am-8pm)
or visit www.kent.gov.uk/countrysideaccess**

**Kent
County
Council**
kent.gov.uk



YOUR PUBLIC IS OUR PUBLIC

To place your legal notices

call **01303 817056**

or email **sallie.payne@archant.co.uk**

ARCHANT } KOS MEDIA



HIGHWAYS - ASHFORD AREA

CHART ROAD, ASHFORD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991
Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Chart Road, Ashford, on or after 11 March 2013 for up to 3 weeks.
The road will be closed from the vicinity of the railway bridge to the junction with Repton Manor Road.
The alternative route is via Chart Road, A292 Maidstone Road, Drovers Roundabout and A28 Templar Way, with westbound traffic continuing to the New Street roundabout to rejoin Chart Road, due to the one-way system.
Access remains for Repton Manor Road traffic at its junction with Maidstone Road.

LEACON LANE LAY-BY, A20 ASHFORD ROAD, CHARING (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991
Because of sewer repair works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Leacon Lane Lay-by, A20 Ashford Road, Charing, on or after 11 March 2013 for up to 5 days, or until the works have been completed.
The lay-by will be closed at its southern junction with the A20 Ashford Road.
Access will remain via the other junction, which also includes access to Leacon Lane itself.

B2080 THE STREET, APPLEDORE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991
Because of works to install traffic calming measures, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on B2080 The Street, Appledore, on or after 11 March 2013 for up to 4 days or until the works have been completed.
The road will be closed between the junctions with Military Road and Court Lodge Road.
There will be no direct access between Tenterden and the Romney Marsh using this route.
The alternative route is via The Street, Tenterden Road, Reading Street, Appledore Road, Woodchurch Road, Brook Street, B2067 Kenardington Road, Warehorne Road, The Street, Marsh Road, Ashford Road, A2070 Ashford Road to Brenzett Corner Roundabout, B2080 Rhee Wall Road and Station Road.

HIGHWAYS - CANTERBURY AREA

BURSTED HILL, UPPER HARDRES (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991
Because of drainage works to alleviate flooding, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Burstled Hill, Upper Hardres, on or after 11 March 2013 for up to 3 weeks or until the works have been completed.
The road will be closed from the junction of Pett Bottom Road for a distance of approximately 50 metres.
The alternative route is via Burstled Hill, Hardres Court Road, Tapleys Hill and Pett Bottom Road.

LOWER HERNE ROAD, HERNE BAY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991
Because of carriageway patching works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Lower Herne Road, Herne Bay, on or after 25 March 2013 for up to 3 days, between 07:30 hours and 16:30 hours each day.
The road will be closed in phases between the junction with Bullockstone Road and the northern junction with Canterbury Road.
The alternative route is via Bullockstone Road, A291 Canterbury Road, Herne Street and Canterbury Road.

PROSPECT PLACE, CANTERBURY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991
Because of footway and carriageway repairs and resurfacing, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Prospect Place, Canterbury, on or after 25 March 2013 for up to 5 weeks or until the works have been completed.
The road will be closed for its entire length.

The alternative route is via Nunnery Fields and Puckle Lane.

VARIOUS ROADS, BARHAM AREA, CANTERBURY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991
Because of carriageway patching works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Various Roads, Barham Area, Canterbury, on or after 11 March 2013 as shown below.
All closures are between 07:30 hours and 16:30 hours each day.
COLE HILL, BARHAM will be closed for its entire length (junctions with Covet Lane and Railway Hill)
11 March 2013 for up to 3 days
Alternative route via Covet Lane, Valley Road and Greenhills

THE STREET / CHURCH LANE, BARHAM (The Street and Church Lane will be closed for their entire length (between junctions with Gravel Castle Road and Valley Road)
12 March 2013 for up to 3 days
Alternative routes
Eastbound - Valley Road, Derrington Hill, Derrington Downs, Rabbit Hole and Church Lane
Westbound - Gravel Castle Road, Derrington Hill, Derrington Downs and Valley Road
OLD DOVER ROAD, BARHAM will be closed for its entire length (junction with Gravel Castle Road to the cul-de-sac section beyond Rectory Lane)
14 March 2013 for up to 2 days
Alternative route via Gravel Castle Road, Church Lane and Rectory Lane
WESTWOOD ROAD, KINGSTON will be closed between its junctions with Jesse's Hill and The Street.
14 March 2013 for up to 2 days
Alternative route via Westwood Road, Turks Hill and Marley Lane

COVET LANE, BARHAM will be closed for its entire length (junctions with Valley Road and Cole Hill)
16 March 2013 for 1 day
Westbound via Black Robin Lane, Bonny Bush Hill, The Street, Marley Lane and Turks Hill
Eastbound via Cole Hill, Greenhills and Valley Road
SOUTH BARHAM HILL, BARHAM / REDOAK LANE, ELHAM will be closed for its entire length (junctions with Derrington Hill to Bladbean)
18 March 2013 for up to 3 days
Alternative route via Elham Valley Road, Canterbury Road and Straight Hill
MARLEY LANE, KINGSTON will be closed between Junctions with Jess Hill and The Street
20 March 2013 for up to 3 days
Alternative route via Marley Lane, Turks Hill, Covet Lane, Black Robin Lane, Valley Road and The Street

OUT ELMSTEAD LANE, BARHAM will be closed for its entire length - junctions with A2 Dover Road and Valley Road
21 March 2013 for up to 3 days
Alternative Routes via
Eastbound via Valley Road and Black Robin Lane
Westbound A2 Dover Road, Black Robin Lane and Valley Road
JERSEY LANE, PETHAM will be closed for its entire length - junctions with Town Road and Watery Lane
28 March 2013 for up to 1 day
Alternative route via Town Road and Watery Lane

PETT BOTTOM ROAD, BRIDGE will be closed for its length (between Junctions with Bridge Road and School Lane)
2 April 2013 for up to 3 days
Alternative Route via Bridge Road, Faussett Hill, Hardres Court Road and School Lane

HIGHWAYS - DARTFORD AREA

A2026 HYTHE STREET (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991
Because of Bridge testing works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Hythe Street, on or after 26th March 2013 for up to 1 night between the hours 22.00hr and 06.00hr or until the works have been completed.
The road will be closed 25 metres either side of the bridge
The alternative route is via Hythe street A2026, Mill Pond Road, Temple Hill, Temple Hill Sqaure, St Vincents Road, The Brent A226, E Hill, Home Gardens and Hythe Street and vice versa.

VARIOUS ROADS, DARTFORD, DARENTH AND SOUTH DARENTH (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991
Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst an event is carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Various Roads in Dartford, Darenth and South Darenth as noted in schedule 1.
The Order will become effective on 17th March 2013 and will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the event is planned to last 1 day between 09.00hrs - 12.00hrs. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.
The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: as noted in schedule 1.

Schedule 1
Road name: Darenth Road, Dartford
Extent: Southbound from David Lloyds Entrance
Diversion: No diversion required closure will be in place for 10 minutes
Road name: Powdermill Lane, Dartford
Extent: Between its junctions with Darenth Road and Warwick Way
Diversion: No diversion required closure will be in place for 10 minutes

Road name: Warwick Way, Dartford
Extent: Between its junctions with Powdermill Lane and Hawley Road
Diversion: No diversion required closure will be in place for 10 minutes

Road name: A225 Hawley Road, Darenth
Extent: Between its junctions with Warwick Way and Parsonage Lane
Diversion: No diversion required closure will be in place for 15 minutes

Road name: Parsonage Lane, Hawley/Darenth
Extent: Between its junctions with Hawley Road and Roman Villa Road.
Diversion: Signed Diversion route from Parsonage Lane roundabout to Darenth Hill roundabout (and vice versa) via Hawley Road, Princes Road and Green St Green Rd and the reverse
Road will be closed from 9.40 till 9.55
Road name: Darenth Hill, Darenth
Extent: Between its junctions Green Street Green Road.
Diversion: B260 Green Street Green Road, A225 Princes Road, A225 Hawley Road, A225 Main Road and Devon Road
Road will be closed from 9.40 till 9.55

Road name: Roman Villa Road, Darenth
Extent: Between its junctions with Darenth Hill and Holmesdale Hill
Diversion: A225 Hawley Road and A225 Princes Road

Road name: Rabbits Road, South Darenth
Extent: Between its junctions with Shrubbery Road and Canada Farm Road
Diversion: Shrubbery Road, Holmesdale Hill, St Margarets Road and B260 Green Street Green Road

Road name: Gills Road, South Darenth
Extent: Between its junctions with Holmesdale Hill and B260 Green Street Green Road
Diversion: B260 Green Street Green Road, A225 Princes Road, A225 Hawley Road, A225 Main Road and Devon Road

Road name: Wilson Lane, South Darenth
Extent: Between its junctions with Gills Road and Rabbits Road
Diversion: B260 Green Street Green Road, A225 Princes Road, A225 Hawley Road, A225 Main Road and Devon Road

Road name: Canada Farm Road, South Darenth
Extent: Between its junctions with Three Gates Road and B260 Green Street Green Road
Diversion: Valley Road, Fawkham Road and B260 Green Street Green Road

Road name: St Margarets Road, Darenth ONE WAY
Extent: To B260 Green Street Green Road
Diversion: B260 Green Street Green Road, A225 Princes Road, A225 Hawley Road, A225 Main Road and Devon Road

Road name: St Margarets Road, Darenth
Extent: closed at its junction with B260 Green Street Green Road
Diversion: No diversion required closure will be in place for 10 minutes

Road name: Trolling Down Hill B260
Extent: Between its junctions with Roman Villa Road to B260 Green Street Green Road via Princes Road, Lowfield Street, A225 Hawley Road, Parsonage Lane and Darenth Hill B260 Green Street Green Road.
Between 10.10 and 11.30
The purpose of the closure is to facilitate the event, Les Witton Dartford 10KM

WEST CRESCENT ROAD, DARTFORD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991
For the erection of scaffolding for a garage conversion, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on West Crescent Road, on or after 11th March 2013 for up to 21 days or until the works have been completed.
The road will be closed at the rear of 21 Harmer street.
There will be no access for through traffic between rear of 21 Harmer Street and to the side of 10 Bernard Street.
Access to adjacent properties at the rear Harmer Street are to be maintained
The alternative route is via West Crescent Road, Terrace Street, Harmer Street, and Milton Road

HIGHWAYS - DOVER AREA

A257 CANTERBURY ROAD, WINGHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991
Because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on A257 Canterbury Road, Wingham, on or after 17 March 2013 as shown below.
Closures are planned for the Sundays of 10, 17 and 24 March 2013, between 09:00 hours and 18:00 hours each day.
The road will be closed between the junctions with Wingham Lane and High Street, with no through access between Canterbury and Sandwich using the A257.
The alternative route is via A257 Canterbury Road, Wingham Road, Canterbury Road, Littlebourne Road, St Martin's Hill, Longport, Lower Chantry Lane, A2050 New Dover Road, A2 Dover Road, B2046 and Adisham Road.

CHEQUER LANE, ASH (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991
Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Chequer Lane, Ash, on or after 14 March 2013 for up to 3 weeks or until the works have been completed.
The road will be closed between the junctions with The Street and Chilton Field.
The alternative route is via The Street, Queen's Road, Cop Street Road and Chequer Lane.

DENTON LANE, DENTON (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991
To allow safe access to the overhead phone cable network using an elevated platform, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Denton Lane, Denton, on or after 12 March 2013 for up to 2 days, between 09:30 hours and 1530 hours each day.
The road will be closed for its entire length.
The alternative route is via A260 The Street, Canterbury Road and Shelvin Lane.

MARSHBOROUGH ROAD, MARSHBOROUGH (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991
Because of works to provide a new gas supply, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Marshborough Road, Marshborough, Woodnesborough, on or after 12 March 2013 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.
The road will be closed in the vicinity of Rose Cottage.

For further information, please contact
Kent County Council Highways & Transportation,
on 08458 247 800 (local rate)
or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways



There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with Parsonage Farm Road and Beacon Hill Road.

The alternative route is via New Street, The Street, Guitton, A257 Ash Bypass, Sandwich Road, A258 Sandwich Bypass, Sandwich Road, The Street and Oak Hill to Marshborough Road.

MAYFIELD AVENUE, DOVER (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway resurfacing works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Mayfield Avenue, Dover, on or after 11 March 2013 for up to 1 day, between 08:30 hours and 16:30 hours. The road will be closed in the vicinity of the junction with Nightingale Road.

Waiting will be prohibited the northern side of Mayfield Avenue between number 8 and number 20, for the times shown above.

PENCESTER ROAD, DOVER (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway surfacing works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Pencester Road, Dover, on or after 11 March 2013 for up to 5 nights, between 18:00 hrs and midnight each night.

The road will be closed for its entire length.

The alternative route is via A256 Maison Dieu Road, Woolcomber Street, A20 Townwall Street and York Street.

A256 WHITFIELD HILL, DOVER (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on A256 Whitfield Hill, Dover, on or after 12 March 2013 for up to 1 day, between 09:30 hours and 15:30 hours.

The road will be closed between the junction with Kearsney Avenue and the Whitfield Roundabout.

The alternative routes are:

Westbound via A2 Whitfield Roundabout, A2 Trunk Road, Jubilee Way, A20 Townwall Street, York Street, A256 High Street, London Road, Crabble Hill and London Road.

From River via London Road, Crabble Hill, A256 Buckland Avenue, Barton Road, Frith Road, Maison Dieu Road, Woolcomber Street, A20 Townwall Street, A2 Jubilee Way and Whitfield Roundabout.

HIGHWAYS - SEVENOAKS AREA

FIRMINGERS ROAD, SHOREHAM, SEVENOAKS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of the cleansing of a highway soakway to prevent local flooding, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Firmingers Road, Shoreham, Sevenoaks, on or after 25th March 2013 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed outside Well Hill Nursery. There will be no access for through traffic at this point.

The alternative route is via Well Hill, Rock Hill.

HARTLEY BOTTOM ROAD, DARTFORD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of the Installation of a meter by South East water, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Hartley Bottom Road, on or after 11th March 2013 for up to 5 Days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the junction of Hartley Bottom Road and Longfield Road.

There will be no access for through traffic between these junctions

The alternative route is via Manor Road, onto Longfield road, Wrotham Road, Shipley Hill Road , Idleigh Court Road and Hartley Bottom Road.

NIGHTINGALE LANE, SUNDRIDGE, SEVENOAKS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of BT works access for pole replacement, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Nightingale Lane, Sundridge, Sevenoaks, on or after 11th March 2013 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from outside Macherels Plain to the junction of Wheatsheaf Hill. There will be no access for through traffic at this location.

The alternative route is via B2042, Un-named Road.

VARIOUS ROADS, SEVENOAKS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

To allow a programme of carriageway patching works to be carried out, Kent County Council has made an Order to restrict traffic on various roads in Sevenoaks, as shown below.

The Order will become effective on or after 1st March 2013 until the works have been completed.

The planned dates and times for each road closure or restriction are shown below.

Planned dates will be indicated by signage displayed on site 14 days in advance. Road closures and other restrictions will be in effect when the appropriate signage and barriers are in place. Each road indicated will need to be closed once for prepatching works (as per the schedule below) and a second time for the actual surface treatment works (Surface dressing or microsurfacing) later in the year (These dates will be advertised on information boards on each site, 14 days in advance of commencement).

Every effort will be made to keep to the schedule shown below. Some minor modifications may be made to dates and duration of works, to be advised once known.

Adverse weather conditions may prevent some works being carried out on the planned dates.

Roads that are missed will be re-scheduled, as advised locally and signposted on site.

WILSON LANE, HORTON KIRBY - closed between Rabbits Road and Gill's Road

1 March 2013 for 4 working days

Alternative route via Rabbits Road, Canada Farm Road, Green Street Green Road and Gill's Road

BUCKHURST LANE, COWDEN - closed between Cow Lane to Cowden Pound Road

4 March 2013 for 5 days

Alternative route via Cow Lane, Buckhurst and Cowden Pound Road

FORCE GREEN LANE, WESTERHAM - closed between A233 London Road and Pilgrims Way

4 March 2013 for 3 days

Alternative route via A233 London Road and Pilgrims Way

BIRCHIN CROSS ROAD, SHOREHAM - closed between Clarkes Green Road and Bower Lane

7 March 2013 for 3 working days

Alternative route is via Clarkes Green Road and Goodbury Road

SCALLOPS, SUNDRIDGE - closed between B2042 Ide Hill Road to Winkhurst Green Road

11 March 2013 for 4 days

Alternative route via Ide Hill Road, Chequers Hill, Tonbridge Road, Bore Place Road and Winkhurst Green Road

COTMANS ASH LANE, KEMSING - closed between Clarkes Green Road and Pilgrims Way

12 March 2013 for 4 days

Alternative route via Tinkerpot Lane, St Clere Hill Road, Knockmill Lane, Old Terry's Lodge Road and Pilgrims Way

HALE OAK ROAD, SEVENOAKS WEALD - closed between B2027 Tonbridge Road and Bowzell Road

19 March 2013 for 4 days

Alternative route via B2027 Tonbridge Road, Camp Hill, Coppings Road, Scabharbour Road, Long Barn Road and Windmill Road

SOUTH BROOK LANE, BRASTED - closed between Green Lane and Toy's Hill

19 March 2013 for 2 days

Alternative route via Green Lane and Toy's Hill

CHELSEFIELD LANE, SHOREHAM - closed between Shacklands Road and Hewitt's Road

20 March 2013 for 3 days

Alternative route via Shacklands Road, A224 Orpington by-pass and Hewitt's Road

BLUEBERRY LANE, KNOCKHOLT - closed between Main Road and Pound Lane

25 March 2013 for 3 days

Alternative route via Main Road and Pound Lane

ST JULIANS ROAD, SEVENOAKS WEALD - closed between A225 London Road and Fawke Wood Road

21 April 2013 for 6 working days between 09:15hrs and 15:30hrs

Alternative Route via River Hill, B245 London Road (via Morley's Roundabout), Bank Lane, Carter's Hill and Fawke Wood Road.

VARIOUS ROADS, WEST KINGSDOWN (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst an event is carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Various Roads, West Kingsdown as noted in schedule 1.

The Order will become effective on 31st March 2013, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 12 months; the event is planned to last as noted in the schedule. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: as noted in schedule 1.

Schedule 1	
Restriction:	Temporary One Way Order Eastbound from 06.00 - 22.00 hours.
Road Name:	Scratchers Lane, West Kingsdown.
Extent:	From its junction with A20 London Road/Gorse Hill to its junction with Three Gates Lane.
Diversion:	A20 London Road and Fawkham Road. Traffic lights will also be placed at the junction of A20 London Road and Gorse Hill that will be manually controlled between 06.00 - 22.00 hours to assist vehicles leaving Brands Hatch Race Circuit.
Restriction:	30mph Speed Limit from 06.00 - 22.00 hours.
Road Name:	A20 London Road/Gorse Hill, West Kingsdown.
Extent:	Between W J Kings Garage London Road, Farningham and Twenty Mile Texaco Petrol Station, West Kingsdown.
Restriction:	Suspend Cycle Lane Order from 06.00 - 22.00 hours.
Road Name:	A20 London Road/ Gorse Hill, West Kingsdown.
Extent 1:	Between Twenty Mile Texaco Petrol Station and Scratchers Lane.
Extent 2:	Between Scratchers Lane and Twenty Mile Texaco Petrol Station.
Diversion:	Cyclists should dismount and walk along the pavement for the length of the restriction.
Restriction:	No Right Turn from 06.00 - 22.00 hours.
1:	Into Donkey Lane southbound from A20 London Road/Gorse Hill.
2:	Out of Donkey Lane onto A20 London Road/Gorse Hill.
Dates:	31st March, 7th April., 21th April, 19TH May,21stS July, 13th 20th October and 3rd November 2013

The purpose of the restrictions is to facilitate safety to road users and members of the public.

HIGHWAYS - SHEPWAY AREA

BELLEVUE STREET, FOLKESTONE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of junction improvement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Bellevue Street, Folkestone, on or after 11 March 2013 for up to 5 days, or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junction with Dover Road and the entrance to the Health Centre Car Park.

The alternative route is via A2033 Dover Road, St John's Street and Clarence Street.

For further information, please contact
Kent County Council Highways & Transportation,
on 08458 247 800 (local rate)
or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

A2033 DOVER ROAD & GRACE HILL, FOLKESTONE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on part of the A2033 Dover Road and Grace Hill, Folkestone, on or after 13 March 2013 for up to one night, between 20:00 hours through until 05:00 hours

The road will be closed between the junction with A260 Tontine Street and A2033 Shellons Street roundabout.

The alternative route is via A2033 Dover Road, A260 Dover Road, Hill Road, A259 Canterbury Road, Black Bull Road, Radnor Park Road, A2034 Cheriton Road and Foresters Way.

A259 HIGH STREET, NEW ROMNEY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on A259 High Street, New Romney, on or after 14 March 2013 for up to 4 nights, as shown below.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Church Road and Station Road.

Closures are planned for Thursday 14 March & Friday 15 March and Monday 18 March & Tuesday 19 March 2013, between 19:00 hours through until 05:00 hours each night, with the road otherwise re-opened.

The alternative route is via B2071 Station Road, Littlestone Road, Marine Parade, Grand Parade Coast Drive, The Parade, Battery Road, Dungeness Road, Harden Road, B2075 Romney Road and A259 Lydd Road.

The One-way Traffic Orders in respect of Church Approach and Triton Lane will be suspended to allow access.

Waiting will be prohibited at all times on any sections of High Street, New Romney that are indicated by signage and No Waiting cones, during the times of the road closures stated above.

NORTH LYMINGE LANE, LYMINGE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of sewer repair works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on North Lyminge Lane, Lyminge, on or after 11 March 2013 for up to 4 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at various points along its length.

The planned closure times are between 09:00 hours and 16:30 hours each day, Mondays to Saturdays.

There is no alternative route as the road is a cul-de-sac. Every effort will be made to maintain access whenever this is safe.

ST MARY'S ROAD, ELHAM & BOSSINGHAM ROAD, STELLING MINNIS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway micro-surfacing works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on St Mary's Road, Elham and on Bossingham Road, Stelling Minnis, on or after 13 March 2013 as shown below.

Additional closures may be required for each site within 14 days from the completion of surfacing, to allow for re-alignment of covers in the carriageway.

ST MARY'S ROAD, ELHAM will be closed between High Street and The Square, planned for 13 March for 1 day, between 07:00 hours and 19:00 hours

An additional closure may be required for a further day

The alternative route is via New Road, Vicarage Lane and Pound Lane

BOSSINGHAM ROAD, STELLING MINNIS will be closed from the school to Cherry Gardens Farm, planned for 13 March for 2 days, between 09:00 hours and 15:00 hours each day

Additional closure required for a further 2 days

The alternative route is via Curtis Lane, B2068, Stone Street and Lime Kiln Lane



HIGHWAYS - THANET AREA**HIGH STREET, RAMSGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of drainage improvements in connection with Ramsgate Leisure Centre, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on High Street, Ramsgate, on or after 11 March 2013 for up to 4 weeks, or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the Leisure Centre and the junction with Paradise.

The alternative route is via South Eastern Road, A255 Park Road and Chatham Street.

B2051 MARINE DRIVE & THE PARADE, MARGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway resurfacing works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on B2051 Marine Drive and The Parade, Margate, on or after 25 March 2013 for up to 5 nights, as shown below.

Closures are planned for the nights of 25, 26, 27 & 28 March and 2 April 2013, between 19:00 hours through until 04:00 hours each night.

The road will be closed from the junction with A28 Marine Terrace to the junction with Fort Road.

The alternative route for through traffic is via B2055 Marine Gardens, Queen Street, Cecil Square, Hawley Street, Trinity Hill, Trinity Square, Zion Place, Fort Crescent and Fort Hill.

There will be managed south-bound access beyond King Street for residents and businesses to reach High Street, Market Street, The Parade (the one-way section fronting shops) and Duke Street.

Traffic will be able to exit King Street north-bound only

HIGHWAYS - TONBRIDGE & MALLING AREA**ALLENS LANE, PLAXTOL (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because it is necessary to access BT poles and overhead cabling, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Allens Lane, Plaxtol, on or after 14 March 2013 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from Brook Lane to outside Allens Farm.

The alternative route is via Allens Lane, Long Mill Lane, Brook Lane.

BIRLING ROAD, LEYBOURNE, TONBRIDGE & MALLING (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because it is necessary to replace bridge parapets and safety barriers, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Birling Road, Leybourne, Tonbridge & Malling, on or after 11/19/27 March 2013 for a period of up to 1 night between 20.00hrs and 06.00hrs, from 20.00 hrs 15 March 2013 to 06.00hrs 18 March 2013 and from 20.00hrs 22 March 2013 to 06.00hrs 25 March 2013 or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the M20 over bridge.

The alternative route is via Bull Road, Ryarsh Road, Birling Road, The Street, Roughetts Road, A20 London Road, Birling Road.

RYARSH LANE, WEST MALLING (PROHIBITION OF PARKING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because it is necessary to install a sewer lining, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting parking on Ryarsh Lane, West Malling, on or after 25 March 2013 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The parking will be prohibited at the junction with King Street.

HIGHWAYS - TUNBRIDGE WELLS AREA**CORNFORD LANE, TUNBRIDGE WELLS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because it is necessary to replace BT telegraph poles and cabling and to install a new kerb line and patch the carriageway, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Cornford Lane, Tunbridge Wells, on or after 12 March 2013 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The whole length of the road will be closed.

The alternative route is via Halls Hole Road, A264 Pembury Road, High Street.

For further information, please contact
Kent County Council Highways & Transportation,
on 08458 247 800 (local rate)
or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways



John Burr
Director of Highways & Transportation
Kent County Council
Invicta House
County Hall,
Maidstone
Kent ME14 1XQ

Dated 10th March 2013

Don't let your vacancies go unnoticed



2nd week **free of charge** on any size recruitment advert booked.

Advertise your vacancy online for 1 month.

Call 01303 817056 for further details.

jobs24.co.uk
IN-PAPER • ONLINE • ON MOBILE

Kent on Saturday **Kent on Sunday** **Your Midway** **Your Swale** **Tunbridge Wells**

Find a new job in Kent today



Look local first at

jobs24.co.uk
IN-PAPER • ONLINE • ON MOBILE

Looking for staff?

Make sure your recruitment advertisement is on

jobs24.co.uk
ONLINE • IN-PAPER • ON MOBILE

Contact the teams today

01303 817056

appointments@kosmedia.co.uk

Sport

For more sports news and pictures go to www.kentsport.co.uk

BOXING



A-BOUT TURN: DeGale to fight Alexander Brand

Colombian steps in for DeGale fight

JAMES DeGale MBE will take on Alexander Brand at Bluewater later this month instead of Pablo Oscar Natalio Farias, as first planned.

The 2008 Olympic gold-medallist was originally pencilled in to fight Farias at the Glow complex on Saturday, March 23, but will now take on the Colombian Brand at the same venue on the same date after complications forced a change of plans for the defence of his WBC Silver super middleweight title.

The former WBC Latino champion from Bogotá is ranked number 10 by the WBC. He is also the longest-tenured fighter in the history of the Colombian Olympic team and boasts an amateur record of only 20 losses in 437 fights.

DeGale's promoter Micky Hennessy said: "To cover ourselves opponent-wise, my agent in North America has been talking to Team Brand for the last few weeks and we're delighted we have now got a top-10 fighter for James to prove once again that he is a top world-class fighter on his march to world honours.

"Brand is a world-class boxer that not only had a brilliant amateur career but also holds a professional record of 19-1," said DeGale.

"But that could have been 20-0 as his only loss was a split decision over eight rounds, and I know the feeling losing on a split decision.

"Once I've got past this Colombian puncher, who has 15 knockouts in his 20 fights, I will sit down with Mick [Hennessy] and look to the big fights later this year, maybe against the winner of Kessler and Froch or a rematch against Groves before going after Andre Ward."

Supporting DeGale at Glow will be the son of the legendary Chris Eubank, middleweight sensation Chris Eubank Jr, who will be taking part in his 10th professional bout.

CRICKET

Adams feels his young guns can shoot for title

Kent coach Jimmy Adams talks to **Greg Miles** about his new deal and how the county's promising youngsters can take them to the next level

Picture: ADY KERRY

JIMMY Adams says that he had little hesitation in adding another year to his contract at the St Lawrence Ground.

The 45-year-old's agreement was set to expire at the end of the forthcoming season, but he now has a deal until the end of the 2014 campaign.

Adams oversaw a promising first season in charge last year, with a rebuilt squad blending experience and Kent academy prospects, which was a key reason for his extension.

"In early December they asked me if there was a possibility of putting an extra season on the contract," he said.

"I got back to them first thing in January and that was it.

"I'm looking forward to working with an exciting group of players. I had a tremendous experience last year, so once the offer was made there wasn't much hesitation from me."

The former West Indies captain has, in the same week as signing his new deal, added former Somerset all-rounder Calum Haggett to the squad. The 22-year-old spent the final few months of last season with Kent's second XI and did enough to earn a deal.

"He had a really good year last year and put in some good performances. He's very talented, has a good attitude and is somebody I am looking forward to seeing grow," said Adams.

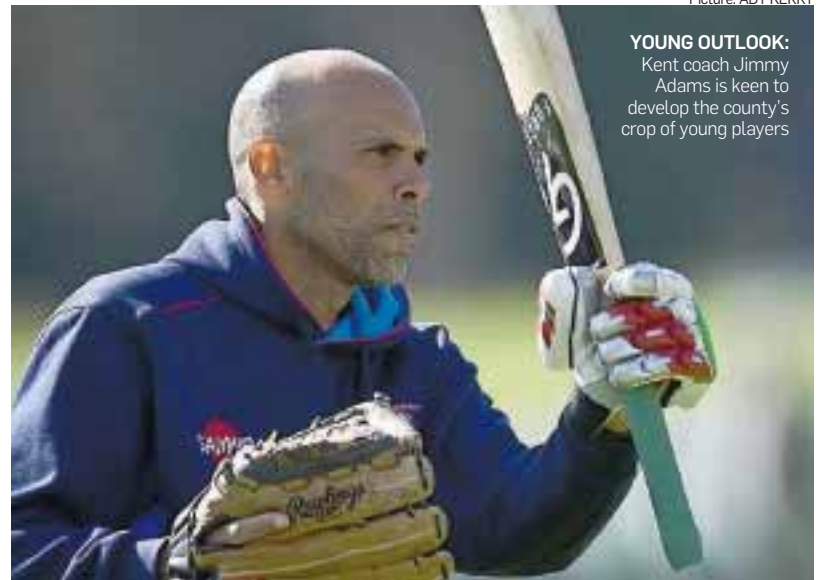
"Calum played a lot of second-team games last year. I didn't see all of the games, but the reports were consistently good. We were very pleased with what he did when he was here.

"We have got six weeks where everybody will put their best foot forward."

Aside from the arrival of Haggett, it looks unlikely that there will be other new signings before the start of April as Adams is keen to continue the development of younger players in the squad.

Last year, Sam Billings, Sam Northeast, Adam Ball, Daniel Bell-Drummond, Adam Riley and Matt Coles all played a part in first-team affairs, and that looks set to be the case this season.

"We're trying to develop players. We want to



YOUNG OUTLOOK:
Kent coach Jimmy Adams is keen to develop the county's crop of young players

build around that core group and, depending on spaces available, make sure young players get an opportunity," said Adams.

"I saw enough to suggest that we have a group of players who are capable of winning titles.

"Until they show me otherwise, and the young kids prove they are not up to it, which they've not done yet, I will go down that route.

"The club are in agreement they also want to see young players progressing through as part of how we build going forward.

"I don't say it casually – I think we do have young players with promise and they're getting to the point where the only thing left for them is to sink or swim.

"If you have an academy and you're not keen to go that last step with the players, it's a waste

of resources up until that point. You have to sit down as an entity and decide a way forward. I'm quite happy with where we are. At the start of the season there is a case of 'It's yours, brothers, make the best of it'.

"This is the opportunity – go for it."

The county still hold an option over all-rounder Azhar Mahmood for T20 competition, should he decide to play in England this season.

"We're still in discussions with Azhar and his representatives," said Adams.

"The door has definitely not been closed."

Talks are also still ongoing about West Indies batsman Brendan Nash becoming a 'Kolpak' player for the forthcoming season, meaning the county could then recruit, if they so wished, another overseas player.

SPORTS SHORTS

FOOTBALL

Fulham recall winger from Gills loan spell

WINGER Ryan Williams has been recalled from his loan spell at League Two Gillingham by Premier League club Fulham.

The 19-year-old signed on loan at Priestfield in February, with the intention of getting some first team football, but has departed without making an appearance.

The Australian's only game came with the development team in a win against Dagenham and Redbridge, but he was on the substitutes' bench for the league fixtures against the Dagenham, Chesterfield, Oxford and Aldershot.

Fellow loanee, Newcastle United midfielder Michael Richardson, has also yet to make an appearance for the Gills.

MOTORSPORT

Motorbase unveil new sponsorship partners

BRITISH Touring Car team Motorbase Performance will compete as Airwaves Racing in the forthcoming season as part of a new sponsorship deal.

Motorbase – who recently announced Mat Jackson, Aron Smith and Liam Griffin would be returning to the Kent team's set-up – have also retained last year's title sponsors Redstone in addition to Truphone and Addison Lee.

Jackson and Smith will compete in the new in-house-built Mountune-powered NGTC Ford Focus STs this season, which is expected to put Motorbase in a title-challenging position.

The first round of the BTCC takes place at Brands Hatch on the weekend of March 30-31.

ATHLETICS

Overall sets blistering time at half-marathon

SCOTT Overall continued his build-up for the London Marathon with an impressive win at the Silverstone Half Marathon.

The Blackheath and Bromley athlete won, literally, by a mile as he finished seven minutes clear of the runner-up in a time of 65 minutes, 41 seconds.

At the end of February, the 30-year-old ran in America, where he claimed a respectable seventh in the New Orleans Rock'n'Roll Half Marathon.

He became one of the first athletes to book his place at the London Olympics last summer, which ultimately ended in disappointment as he finished a lowly 61st in the marathon.

FOOTBALL

East heads south in loan move from Hull

GILLINGHAM have signed Danny East on loan from Hull City to provide defensive cover.

East, who can play in both full-back positions and in midfield, will be at Priestfield for the remainder of the season. The 21-year-old has made one appearance for Hull, that coming in the FA Cup last season.

He began the season on loan at Northampton Town, playing 21 times for the Cobblers in all competitions until December. He came off the bench in the second half at the Sixfields Stadium when the Gills triumphed 2-1 in October.

"He's a character, a winner – he's tenacious, bombs forward, he's a good athlete and he will be good for us," said Gills manager Martin Allen.

Sport

For more sports news and pictures go to www.kentsport.co.uk

FOOTBALL

Wells set sights on the bigger picture in midst of FA Vase run

By Greg Miles

greg.miles@archant.co.uk

TUNBRIDGE Wells are just 180 minutes from playing for the FA Vase at Wembley, but the Kent League club has a much bigger prize in its sights.

Wells wrote another chapter into their history last weekend as Andy Irvine struck twice in the 2-0 win over Suffolk side Hadleigh United to book their place into the two-legged semi-finals.

It takes them a step closer to replicating Deal Town's famous triumph in 2000, when Tommy Sampson's men beat Chippenham Town 1-0 in the capital.

However, Wells chairman Joe Croker insists no one is yet dreaming of gracing the home of football and is instead hoping to take advantage of the "phenomenal potential" the club have on the back of their cup run. The quarter-final crowd of 1,180 is all the evidence that is needed of the potential of which Croker talks.

Martin Larkin's side have also averaged an impressive gate of 167, which is already bigger than most of those in the league above, the Ryman One South.

"We are already by far the best-supported club in the Kent League," he said. "When, and if, we get to the Ryman League, it could be even bigger – the potential is phenomenal.

"Our attendances have gone up an awful lot in the last few years. We have made a very conscious effort to make it into a family club."

You might think reaching the semi-finals would have boosted their coffers, and you would be right – if they did not have to split the travel expenses with Newcastle-based Dunston UTS for their twice-cancelled fifth-round match, with their visitors having to cancel hotel bookings and rearrange travel. It left Wells out of pocket, even after gate receipts and prize money.

The run has put the club's bank balance back on an even keel, however, with £10,700 earned so far through prize money.

They have also missed a lot of home games due to bad weather and their cup exploits, having played just six league games since October.

There is another £5,000 up for grabs if they win their semi-final, while they will net £15,000 if they win the competition and £7,000 if they lose at Wembley.

While it helps, it is a relatively small figure compared with what Croker has in mind for the redevelopment of the ground, details of which he



Pictures: KFA/NICK DUNGAN

SUCCESS: Wells chairman Joe Croker, left, is keen to emulate Deal Town's 2000 Wembley joy, right

TUNBRIDGE WELLS ROAD TO FA VASE SUCCESS?

Second round	Tunbridge Wells 2-0 Wantage
Third round	Binfield 1-2 Tunbridge Wells
Fourth round	Tunbridge Wells 1-0 Dunston UTS
Fifth round	Larkhall Athletic 3-4 Tunbridge Wells (AET)
Quarter-final	Tunbridge Wells 2-0 Hadleigh United
Semi-final first leg	Tunbridge Wells v Ascot United or Shildon, March 23
Semi-final second leg	Ascot United or Shildon v Tunbridge Wells, March 30

would not divulge. "We're going to do a whole major improvement of the ground. These things take years," he said.

"Everyone deserves a lot of credit – the players, the management and the fans, everyone associated with the club."

Although their Culverden home can hold more than 3,000, it is thought that they will have to limit their semi-final tie to about 2,000 for safety reasons.

"I know we will be able to get 2,000 people in there," said Croker.

"What I expect might happen is that we will have to put up temporary stands.

"The capacity is 3,000, but we would never allow that into the ground. We will be having some very serious discussions with the FA."

He added: "There's still a long way to go. We all know that, but we're very pleased to have got this far."

FOOTBALL

CEO Egan resigns following 'terrible' year off the pitch

FORMER Margate chief executive Cliff Egan feels it would have been hypocritical for him not to quit his role at Hartsdown Park.

Egan resigned earlier this week, feeling he had to after a "terrible year" off the pitch for the Ryman Premier club. In November the club lost their main sponsor Construct Stadia after they were liquidated, and in January manager Chris Kinnear left to join Dover Athletic.

However, Egan, who was in the CEO role at Gate for the last four years, is keen to stay on as commercial manager.

He said: "I have been thinking about it for a few weeks. It has been a terrible year.

"At the end of the day the responsibility falls down to me. We have lost two sponsors – the



TOUGH: Gate have lost sponsors and manager

main one we haven't been able to replace this year. Sometimes a bit of fresh blood coming in can give it [the club] a bit of impetus. You see the same with football managers.



This season marks the 100th anniversary of the Gills being known as Gillingham, having originally being founded as New Brompton. We are celebrating those we think deserve a place in the team of the century.

TERRY COCHRANE

Date of birth:
January 22, 1953

Gills stats:
107 appearances,
17 goals

Clubs: Coleraine,
Middlesbrough,
Burnley, Gills,
Millwall, Hartlepool



TERRY Cochrane cemented his place in Gillingham folklore for three memorable years at Priestfield in the 1980s.

The Northern Ireland international arrived in Kent in October 1983 after five years at Middlesbrough, where he made himself a fans' favourite for his silky skills, as he would do at the Gills.

Cochrane started his career in his home country, making his name at Coleraine before leaving for Burnley in 1976. He helped the Clarets stay in Division Two and also earned the first of his 26 caps in 1975.

His move to 'Boro, for a then-club record £233,000 in 1978, was also a record for a Northern Irish player at the time.

As part of Keith Peacock's Division Three Gills side, he was responsible for providing the ammunition for the formidable forward line of Tony Cascarino and Dave Shearer while also proving a crowd-pleaser with his entertaining style.

Cochrane was no stranger to stunning goals, having written himself into the opening credits of Match Of The Day in 1981/82 while at Boro with an overhead kick from the edge of the area in an FA Cup win over Swansea the previous season.

However, he arguably went one better with the Gills when Bristol Rovers came to Priestfield on December 29, 1984.

The hapless Pirates keeper skewed a clearance to the halfway line, where Cochrane collected and fired back after a touch into the top corner.

He left the Gills in 1986 for America but failed to make an appearance for Dallas Sidekicks. There followed spells at Millwall and Hartlepool, where he became manager of the ladies team.

Cochrane now coaches in the community back in Middlesbrough.

■ So, do you agree?

Send in your opinions on our choice or who you think would have been a better option. Email greg.miles@archant.co.uk or write to **Sport, KOS Media, Apple Barn, Smeeth TN25 6SR**

Team sheet

- 1) Ron Hilliard
- 2) Steve Bruce
- 3) Chris Hope
- 4) Charlie Marks
- 5) Dennis Hunt
- 6) Andy Hestenthaler
- 7) Dick Tydeman
- 8) Terry Cochrane
- 9) ???????
- 10) ???????
- 11) ???????

**THE EASY
WAY TO
A NEW
VAUXHALL**

**GREAT NEW
CAR OFFERS
AT PERRYS**

LIFETIME
WARRANTY 100,000 MILE



Do you qualify for exclusive discounts with **Perrys Partners?**



Vehicle shown for illustration purposes only.

Vauxhall Zafira Exclusiv 1.6

Specification Includes: Air Conditioning,
Remote Control Central Locking,
Electric Heated Mirrors,
Steering Wheel Mounted Audio Control

RRP £18,565

Perrys Partners price only

£9,995

Including £1,000 Swappage Allowance

CALL US NOW TO SEE IF YOU QUALIFY

Perrys of Canterbury
Island Road
Sturry
Canterbury
CT2 0EZ

01227 636 882

www.perrys.co.uk/canterbury-vauxhall

Perrys of Broadstairs
Westwood Road
Broadstairs
Kent
CT10 2NP

01843 448 328

www.perrys.co.uk/broadstairs-vauxhall

Perrys of Dover
Honeywood Parkway
White Cliffs Business Park
Whitfield
CT16 3PT

01304 448 387

www.perrys.co.uk/dover-vauxhall



VAUXHALL

Official Government Test Environmental Data. Fuel consumption figures mpg (litres/100km) and CO₂ emissions (g/km). Vauxhall range (excl. Ampera): Urban: 14.4 (19.6) - 76.3 (3.7), Extra-urban: 27.4 (10.3) - 91.1 (3.1), Combined: 20.6 (13.7) - 85.6 (3.3). CO₂ emissions: 324 - 88g/km.

Offers are available for registrations between 18.12.12 and 02.04.13. Subject to availability and are available to private individuals and small businesses 1-24 (purchase only). Savings shown are against list price at time of publication. For details refer to Vauxhall's current price guide. All other sales categories are excluded; cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer. Offers may not apply to all retailer stocks. UK-supplied vehicles only. Vauxhall Lifetime Warranty covers lifetime ownership of first registered keeper, 100,000 mile limit. Terms and conditions apply. Swappage discount only applies when trading in car 6 years or older with a valid MOT Certificate against a new Zafira.